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NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 1 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE SECRETARY SAYS - A most important part of a coin club's meeting is the display of coins; displays are what most of us come to see, and we could use more at meetings. I promise to display some coins at the next meeting; can we depend on YOU to do the same?

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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OUR INSTALLATION AND DINNER HAS BEEN POSTPONED, from January 9 to January 23. The reason for this is that the Los Angeles Coin Club holds its installation and dinner on January 9 and many people want to go to both; which of course would be impossible if both events were on the same evening. This Bulletin will reach you pretty late for this announcement; but meanwhile Secretary Francis Jones is sending out cards notifying you of the change.

Our installation will be at the same place as previously announced: the Manor Motel, 2213 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego.

Anyway now that we have changed our date, the people who almost always come to our special events will have no excuse for missing this one. And naturally it also gives our own members a chance to attend the L.A.C.C. ceremony.

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At our January meeting Frank Hernandez exhibited and spoke on his extraordinary collection of crowns; he showed a magnificent display of 1450 specimens covering, he said, "from A to Z - from Argentina to Zanzibar".

As Frank said, it would take days to explain each coin; however he selected certain pieces of special interest and described them and their historical significance. Frank pointed out that crowns provide a

series of coins of great artistic, historical, and biographical interest. The coins are large enough to give the designers much latitude in the choice of designs and details; most crowns are connected with history in some way - the circumstances under which they were issued, their commemorative designs, etc., and they provide an extensive picture gallery of the portraits of many rulers.

Frank said his collecting started with eight silver dollars that he obtained when he was a young man just arrived from Spain over 70 years ago. But seeing the Earle collection really started him. While that was a first class U.S. collection, Frank thought that the coins did not show enough variety, so he went in for a [illegible] which certainly does, and his display proved it. He has been accumulating crowns for over 51 years.

Regarding prices, Frank said that as with all coins, they vary widely. For an example he mentioned a 1486 Tyrol crown which he bought for $7, sold for $21, bought back for $14, and finally sold again for $75.

Extensive as Frank's display was, it did not comprise his entire collection. He stated that his collection is the largest in this part of the country, and at one time was definitely the second largest in the whole country.

We are indebted to Frank for a fine showing of beautiful coins, and for the very interesting talk which accompanied it.

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While we are on the subject of Frank's coins, the February number of Coins's magazine will have a long article about him and his collection, amply illustrated. Frank had an advance copy of the magazine at the meeting. We understand that Anna Pancsh had a hand in this, and that she brought Frank and the magazine writer together.

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When discussing his German crowns, Frank asked Ed Pancsl to correct his pronunciation of German words. Come to think of it, the S.D.N.S. has quite a few linguists. Among us we can understand French, German,

Spanish, Italian, Latin, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.

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And Doc Ray Wilson speaks fluent Canadian.

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But the Hermit of Skunk Hollow can't even speak English, although he is the son of a Lancashire Englishman. He found that out when he once spent several months in Lancashire, in the north of England. He thought that the natives were talking with a mouthful of feathers, and the natives thought he was talking through his nose.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING, in addition to the crowns of Frank Hernandez:

Gene Johnston: Korean coins in all metals and including many rare and unusual pieces, as heavy castings, coins with enamel inlays; coin amulets; paper money; Japanese patterns

Ricky Kaufman: Nickels; quarters

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proof sets; trade dollars; half dollars

Ernest Lang: Greek and Roman silver and bronze; Mexican silver

Lee Panosh: Latest medal of the Society of Medallists

Dwight Safford: Two fine "Fugio" cents; historical medals

Frenchy Vigneault: Wooden "nickels"

Doc Bruce Wallace: Chinese dollars

Tom Ward: Coins of the Roman Emperor Hadrian

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

BELL, J. W. 3998 Massachusetts St., La Mesa

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The lunch at our last meeting was prepared and served by Frenchy and Ivah Vigneault. Ain't it kind of undignified for the president of such an outstanding organization as the S.D.N.S. to act as a waiter? But perhaps Frenchy thought that some one would tip him

with some valuable coins.

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At that, maybe Frenchy needed some tips. We overheard him ask Ivah for two cents, so she opened her purse and gave them to him. It sure looks like Ivah must have Frenchy on a tight rein if he has to ask for two cents at a time.

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He must have exceeded his allowance.

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Doc Bruce Wallace spoke on the possibility of the S.D.N.S. inviting the California State Numismatic Association convention to San Diego for the fall, 1955 session. Doc pointed out that we now had a respectable convention fund, but that it ought to be doubled in order to give our visitors the same good time as they had at the last San Diego convention.
Everyone seemed to agree with Doc; so we will extend the invitation, and then get busy raising some more dough.

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The last meeting being our 200th one, we had a large birthday cake, appropriately inscribed. We couldn't find out who made it so as to thank them properly, but by the way Francis Jones hovered around it, maybe it was his work.

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Or perhaps he was just making sure he would be on hand to get his share.

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Why do you suppose Gene Johnston sat lop-sided on his chair all through the meeting? He acted like he was in the hot seat. Can it be that he was nursing a wound due to sitting on a tack? Or had he been horse-back riding?

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Another possibility: did he land in a sitting position when the bouncer threw him out of a cocktail bar?

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It looked like another of our gals was starting a collection of foreign orders by wearing one of 'em as

a dress ornament; Gail Walrath. However on closer inspection, it turned out to be a phoney made for just that purpose - an ornament.

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Anyway, Gail has a decoration that Anna Panosh hasn't.

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We always admired Doc Bruce Wallace's skill as an auctioneer; but at the last meeting he outdid himself. He sold himself a roll of cents.

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LEGAL DEPT. - Doc Ray Wilson's son, Stuart, just passed his bar examination and is now a full-fledged lawyer. We thought that this was going to give us the chance to get our traffic tickets fixed; but instead Stuart is taking an army commission to work in the office of the Judge Advocate General.

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So in order to take advantage of his legal ability, we would have to join the army - which seems a rather extreme step to take.

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And every time we get patriotic and join things, it always takes us several years to get back home.

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Uncomfortable years too - and sometimes downright risky.

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NAVAL NEWS - Which kind of reminds us: Lt. Walter Luttmer came to our last meeting in full uniform. Maybe that was the only way he had the chance to sneak off his ship.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce these coming programs:

February 19 - Clive Foss will speak on "The History of Parthia" at the home of Prof. Wallace Todd, Cedar and Mountain Sts., Glendale.

March 19 - Tom Ward will speak on "The Reign and Coinage of Gallienus" at a place to be announced later. It will be somewhere in or near Los Angeles, as Fallbrook is too far for the members to come.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Here are the arrangements so far made for the spring, 1954 session; April 22-25.

PLACE: Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor Sts., San Francisco. Rates - single $6 - $7; double $8 - $9; twin $9 - $10; suites $16 - $20.

HOST CLUB: Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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SPECIAL ELECTRICAL LIGHTING: Erich Werling.

NUMISMATIC FORUM: David Redfield.

ENTERTAINMENT: Ken Allen. The convention coincides with the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the San Francisco mint, and a trip through the mint will be arranged.

LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT: Mrs. Eula Jacobson, Mrs. Betty Duncan, and Mrs. Carol Snedaker.

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES: Banquet, Ralph A. Mitchell; luncheon, Frank X. Galvin.

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And here is a new one. CHAIRMAN IN CHARGE OF GRIPES: Paul D. Snedaker. His job is to receive all gripes, complaints, kicks, and squawks. Paul is a brave man to take on that job, and we don't envy him. He will need the shoulders of Hercules, the philosophy of Plato, the eloquence of Cicero, and the political skill of Augustus. Maybe he will need the toughness and ruthlessness of Marius, too. And a skin like that of an alligator.

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We are sorry to say that Charlie Leuschner is in hospital once again. He was at the meeting, but that was

his last day out: the following morning he began what he believes will be a stay of three weeks or a month. We all wish him the best of luck, and hope he will soon be back with us again in good shape.

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We regret learning of the death at the age of 84 of the prominent British numismatist, Leonard Forrer who had been an official of Spink and Son, Ltd., London for 63 years. Mr. Forrer was a learned student and the author of numerous numismatic works including a monumental "Biographical Dictionary of Medallists, Coin, Gem, and Seal Engravers" in eight volumes. His latest work was as one of the collaborators editing the posthumous book of the Rev. Edward A. Sydenham, "The Roman Republican Coinage". He held the medal of the Royal Numismatic Society and the rare Life Fellowship in that organization.

His personal and technical reputation was of the highest; he was always willing to give advice and information to either the beginner or the advanced collector - and his advice and information was well worth having. While we never had the privilege of meeting him personally, we did have some pleasant correspondence with him. His death is not only a loss to Spink's, but to all numismatists.

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SPORTS SECTION - Kenny Brooks, who was the youngest member of the S.D.N.S. at the time he joined (he's now 11) is making quite a name for himself in the field of athletics; especially tennis.

He is already good enough to compete in the Ted Schiller Tennis Tournament and the San Diego County Junior Championships. While he has been playing tennis for only a few months, the experts consider him as championship material.

Not only is Kenny good at tennis, but in other sports as well. He played left field on the McKinley baseball team and shortstop on the McKinley softball team, and was the leading hitter on both. Also, he was the youngest player. Kenny says that he hopes some day to play outfield in one of the major leagues. In addition

Kenny plays a fair game of golf. He has broken 100, but says he lacks the time to practice properly. Although Kenny has not been to S.D.N.S. meetings lately he is still a member, and he says he has by no means lost his interest in coins; but with all his athletic program he has had to neglect them for the present. We eventually will have him back with us

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Kenny's sports success is just one more example of something we are very fond of pointing out: S.D.N.S. members always come to the top in everything.

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EAGLE-EYE ED, that is, Ed Fowler calls our attention to several points in the convention picture of the T.S.N.A. officers which appeared in the "Coleoin News". Ed says (1) President Doc Powers balanced a cup on his head; (2) a cat didn't like Lew Panosh's hair tonic and so jumped off his head; (3) another cat scratched George Bennett's head; and (4) a third cat prepared to hatch an egg on Bob MacArthur's head. You can look in the "Coleoin News" and see all these things for yourself; or we might explain that (1) is due to a light globe being immediately behind and above Doc Powers' head, and the others are due to the wall decorations, which included pictures of cats.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be April 26 - May 2. The chairman in charge is Don Sherer, 7012 North 15th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona and the topic will be "Universal Numismatics" with particular emphasis on the coins, currency, and medals of the United Nations. If we want to do something about National Coin Week we should be giving it some thought; we didn't do so wonderful the last few years.

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When Emil and Evelyn Johnson make their trip to Sweden in March, we hope Emil doesn't find that he was away so long he has forgotten how to speak Swedish.

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It would be pretty tough to get there and then find he couldn't talk to anyone. How could he find his

way back again if he couldn't ask for directions to reach his ship?

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THE STOWAWAY - We also hope that Emil doesn't plan to travel the way he once did when he was a young man. He got on a boat, crawled down in the hold, and went to sleep on top of a cargo of apples. Next morning when he woke up and sorted himself out, he was so smeared with smashed apples that he looked like an apple strudel.

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Moreover he was on his way to Hamburg when he had planned to go to Oslo.

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We print all this as a warning to Evelyn. If she sees Emil heading for a hatchway, she'd better lassoo him.

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How did you like our Christmas cover last month? Don't tell us; we don't want our feelings hurt.

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Like all masterpieces, that cover should be viewed at a slight distance to get the best effect. We would suggest about a mile.

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However that may be, we herewith start our seventh year of this thing. Being as this makes it our Sabbatical year, do you suppose we should give both of our readers a rest for a year? After all, one should have a rest from reading this kind of stuff.

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While we are talking about ourself, does anyone want any back numbers of this here Bulletin? We have a number of them - but not all - and if no one wants them, we will throw 'em out.

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That's the best thing we can think of to do with S.D.N.S. Bulletins; throw 'em away.

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Preferably before reading them.

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Anyway let's know if you want some old ones.

CLIPPINGS, NUMISMATIC AND NEAR-NUMISMATIC:

COUNTERFEIT MONEY CONFISCATED IN KOREA - Seoul, Korea, Jan. 10 (Reuters) - A South Korean National Police spokesman announced today that $72,000 in counterfeit American military currency has been confiscated in the last week.

- Los Angeles Times

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Do you suppose Lt. Walter Luttmer is stuck with any of it?

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UPSIDE-DOWN DOLLAR BILL VISITS L.A. - High prices not only have the taxpayer confused, but the common dollar bill has become topsy-turvy.

J. Duncan MacAuley, bank supervisor of Detroit, yesterday exhibited an upside-down dollar bill with both serial numbers and the signature of the Secretary of the Treasury turned turtle.

MacAuley, visiting his brother-in-law at 103 South Vermont, said he believes the bill is the only one of its kind in existence.

- Los Angeles Daily News

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POSTER HORRIFIES BANK OF ENGLAND - London, Jan. 9 (AP) - Subway posters advertising a new British film, "the £ 1,000,000 Note" starring Gregory Peck, were called in today.

Horrified Bank of England officials, who couldn't bear to see anyone but themselves printing bank notes, objected to the reproduction on the posters of a £ 1,000,000 note.

It mattered not one whit that the objection was purely academic - a £ 1,000,000 note never has been issued in England.

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We hate to be unduly suspicious, but can it be that this whole thing was concocted by some press agent to advertise the picture?

We thought our dignified English friends wouldn't go in for stuff like that.

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MAN CLAIMS TREASURE FIND - Jacksonville, Fla. (AP) - William F. Speed Jr., Lakeland hotel owner, is showing off a couple of coins which he says were among thousands in a chest he recovered from under the Suwanee River Saturday.
He said he found 4,500 Spanish gold doubloons worth $100 to $150 each, and 3,500 silver pieces of eight worth $50 to $90 each. At the lower value he quoted, his treasure find would be worth $625,000.
He said the chest also contained a silver cup, apparently of English origin.
He said he used electronic devices to locate the treasure under 16½ feet of water near the mouth of the Suwanee.

- San Diego Tribune

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We cannot publish the mint report this month, as we have not yet received it.

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We wish we could get hold of some mint reports from ancient Rome. Anyone got any?

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And Christmas was a disappointment to the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. He asked Santa Claus to fill his sox with coins of Romulus Augustulus - and didn't get a single one. So now he doesn't believe in Santa Claus no more.

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From: Francis S. Jones,
120 [illegible] St.,
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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 1 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE SECRETARY SAYS - There are now 107 members of the San Diego Numismatic Society. In January of 1953 there were 75 members. So by January of 1955 there should be about 150 members.
To get new members we must have good meetings. To have good meetings we must have your attendance, your coin displays, and your extra coins for the auctions. I will be at the meetings, I will make some displays, and I will bring some coins for the auctions. How about you?

- Francis S. Jones, Secretary.

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To supplement what Francis says about the auctions: coins brought for the auctions should preferably be in cellophane envelopes, so they can be hung up and shown on our display board. They should be properly identified and classed for condition, before being given to the Auction Chairman, Jim Anderson.
We also need donations for the junior auction; these coins are sold to the juniors at the low prices they can afford to pay, and the proceeds go to the society treasury.

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OUR INSTALLATION AND DINNER was another typical S.D.N.S. event; that is, it was a nice party at which everyone had a good time. We had a good dinner, able entertainers, and an unusually fine exhibit of coins, medals, and paper money. And of course the informal "get-together" was - as it always is - one of the most pleasant features.
The attendance was 69, a number of people being from out of town. We don't mean "out of town" like La Mesa, National City, and Fallbrook, but we mean our Los Angeles and Santa Monica friends - many of whom are

members anyway. And Ralph Mitchell came even farther, from Palo Alto. However the record for distance to come to our party was broken by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker who registered from Bethel Springs, Tennessee. We don't know if they came all the way from Tennessee just to attend our affair; but we like to think so. We all are grateful to those who worked to make this event successful; it always takes work, even though the final result is so smooth that it looks easy. While we can't thank everyone who cooperated we must at least mention Doc Bruce Wallace who made the arrangements; Lt. Walter Luttmer who was master of ceremonies; Mildred Fischer and Phyllis Lowthian who made the unusually novel and attractive table decorations; Jim Andersen who donated many beautiful floral pieces; and the four who took on the onerous and exacting job of judging the displays - Francis Jones, Louie Walrath, Ralph Mitchell, and Mrs. Harry Davidson.

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Our speaker was that prominent Santa Monica politician (who used to be a San Diego politician), Wayne Higbee. Wayne is an old - and present - member, who left San Diego about three years ago; we guess he discovered that politicking was better in Santa Monica. Anyway Wayne has not forgotten any of his old San Diego colleagues, which you could tell by the way in which he needled them in turn. It was perfectly safe for Wayne to needle us, because San Diego votes wouldn't do him any good there he is, and so he didn't have to spare our feelings. Seriously, though, Wayne did give a nice speech.

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Even though his wife, Louise, said he missed a couple of good chances to sit down.

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Being also called on to speak, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow explained how he got that name. He also said that although skunks are obnoxious animals they never bothered him any, because they seem to consider him as one of themselves - kind of an honorary skunk.

INSTALLATION NIGHT EXHIBITS:

Atwood MacDonald: A demonstration of the system of numbering paper money, illustrated with uncut sheets of $1, $5, and $10 bills (SPECIAL AWARD)

Tom Ward: "Buildings and Monuments of Imperial Rome" as they appear on Roman coins (FIRST AWARD)

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set; proof sets; commemorative half dollars (SECOND AWARD)

Mildred Fischer: Unusually large series of coins of Panama (THIRD AWARD)

Minnie MacDonald: Queen Elizabeth II Coronation coins of Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand (FOURTH AWARD)

Olav Berghli: Cents; nickels; quarters

Karl Brainard: U.S. gold, including a type set and $2.50 Indian pieces complete; commemorative gold; Clark Gruber $10 piece; Assay Office $50 piece

Robert Cahall: 3¢ proofs

Eugene Cooper: Gold type set; early dollars; Eisenhower Inauguration medal

Don Daly: Many Mexican 50-peso gold pieces

Irving Knickerbocker: $2.50 Indian gold complete; commemorative gold; gold dollars and half dollars; 2¢ pieces; both 3¢ pieces

Mark and Phyllis Lowthian: Cents; nickels

Lt. Walter Luttmer: Gold type set

Lew Panosh: Medals of the Society of Medallists

Frenchy Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars; broken bank bills; wooden "nickels"

Doc Bruce Wallace: large display of German notgeld (emergency paper money)

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Many of the above displays included fine pieces not mentioned here; we just give what we consider to be the "high spots".

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Many exhibitors had gone to considerable trouble to make their showings attractive. A large number of them

either in plastic or in Harry Bouchard's containers - those of Karl Brainard, Don Daly, Irving Knickerbocker, Robert Cahall, and Lt. Walter Luttmer, for instance.

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Jim Crouthamel used those neat frames he makes; and one of Olav Berghli's series of cents was in a brass frame surmounted with the figure of an eagle.

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Minnie MacDonald's Queen Elizabeth II display was one of the most striking. For a background she used a royal purple silk drape, and for the centerpiece a large colored portrait of the queen.

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The drape and portrait idea was used by Mildred Fischer too. Her drape was black, and her centerpiece a large portrait of Balboa in the style in which he appears on Panama coins.

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We don't know if Lew Panosh's showing of Society of Medallists medals was complete, but it looked as if it was. He had the medals grouped under the subjects to which the medals apply - "Peace", "Industry", "Exploration", etc.

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The awards were, as usual, colored ribbons which were printed with the names of the winners and presented to them at the following meeting.

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The MacDonald family did all right for itself with awards, didn't it? Well, they deserved them.

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The installing officer was Lew Panosh. Lew pointed out that Doc Ray Wilson had done that last year and he must have done a good job of it, because all the officers functioned so well. So Lew said he only hoped to repeat Doc's performance - and anyway it was no use in his telling the officers their duties, because they all know them as it is.

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The weatherman played us kind of a dirty trick by

giving us rain on installation night, but we refused to let that dampen us any. However our English member, Spink and Son, Ltd. of London wasn't present, so maybe the rain was responsible for that.

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Although Spink's wasn't present to be installed as Honorary European Representative, they were present in effigy. When Mildred Fischer and Phyllis Lowthian made the decorations, they also made a figure of an alleged Englishman, about two feet high, wearing evening clothes and a high hat, and with a monocle. It looked like Bertie Wooster in the Wodehouse stories, but it was supposed to represent Spink's. So Low Panosh installed it.

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Next time we write to Donald Crowther we must ask him if he and the rest of Spink's staff wear monocles.

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At that, maybe a monocle would be a handy thing to glare through at coins.

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After the dinner Jim Anderson donated the flowers; some were auctioned off, and the rest presented to the gals who had worked so hard on the decorations.

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Doc Bruce Wallace, who did the auctioning, said that the flowers would perk up again, although they showed some slight wilting due to the hot air in the hall. We guess he meant the hot air of the heating system, and did not intend to slander any of the speakers.

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Unfortunately the installation was on a bad night for Gene Johnston. He showed up, but had to leave after a little while to attend a graduation ceremony.

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We always thought he had graduated long ago.

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Many nice door and raffle prizes were given, the chief one being a radio donated by Harry Calloway of the Thearle Music Co. This is the fourth successive time that this firm has done this, and we think their

generosity deserves at least a slight plug: so when you need anything in the music line, remember Thearle's. And let them know you are a S.D.N.S. member.

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The radio was won by Gail Walrath. Last year's radio was won by Louie Walrath, so gail donated this one back to be re-raffled. Gail's liberality resulted in another boost in our treasury.

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The second time the radio was raffled, Pattie Knickerbocker won it.

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Treasurer Paul Boltz wasn't present to be re-installed as treasurer. It always is a cause for anxiety when a treasurer is missing without explanation; and we would hate to some day read headlines like this: "PROMINENT S.D.N.S. TREASURER ARRESTED AFTER WILD SPENDING SPREE".

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No one can say that Mary Bowler doesn't get around. She attended a funeral, a wedding, and a dinner all on the same day - the last being ours.

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LOST OPPORTUNITY DEPT. - It was only after the doings were all over that Frenchy Vignoault discovered that pieces of mistletoe were hanging on the ceiling of the hall.

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Among our guests was the first secretary of the society: Edna Bliss.

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The gavel donated by Louie Walrath now has been suitably finished with an engraved silver collar.

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President Louie Fischer of the Convair Coin Club spoke briefly about that club, telling how it was organized and financed. The Convair Recreation Fund encourages such clubs; not only the coin club, but a riding club, a mineralogical club, etc., and supplies the necessary money, which comes from vending machines

located throughout the Convair plant. He ended with a standing invitation to us to attend any Convair Coin Club meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego. Many of us have attended such meetings.

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Speaking of club presidents brings up something we have said a few times (maybe 1000): S.D.N.S. members always get to the top. Not only is S.D.N.S. member Louie Fischer the Convair president, but S.D.N.S. member Harry Davidson now is president of the Orange County Coin Club, and S.D.N.S. member John Yribarne is president of the San Bernardino Coin Club. We guess the S.D.N.S. just naturally has the smartest leaders.

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How did you like the lighting on our displays? We thought it was first class - and we are inclined to be critical about display lighting. We spent $27.00 on the lamps and wiring, and Atwood MacDonald worked out a deal for the holders; and we think it is money well spent.

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OMISSION - After our article on page 10 last month, "Poster Horrifies Bank of England" we accidentally failed to credit it to the San Diego Union.

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Anyway we don't see how those posters could be in London subways because they ain't got no subways in London. They got tubes.

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Pronounced "choobes".

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

DALY, Don — 4553 Boundary St., San Diego 16.

Don is a former San Diegan who moved to the Imperial Valley several years ago. He now is back - to stay, we hope.

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George Van Hogan has joined the A.N.A.

EXHIBITS AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Dimes; quarters; half dollars
Mary Bowler: Lincoln cents
Al Conyne: Early dollars; quarters, chiefly proofs and including many early dates and rarities
Gerald Fischer: British and Mexican coins
Gene Johnston: Military insignia
Ernest Lang: Greek and Roman silver
Frenchy Vigneault: Crowns
Tom Ward: Coins of the Roman Emperor Geta

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The most colorful of the displays was that of Gene Johnston. It consisted of about 500 military badges, enamelled in bright colors. Gene said they were from the collection of the late Harvey Hanson, and that he had just bought them from the Hanson estate.

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Entertainment at our last meeting was provided by Irving Knickerbocker. He showed very fine motion pictures of scenes in Yosemite Park and elsewhere in the Sierra, one reel of which had been a prize winner at the Los Angeles Camera Club. The projector was operated by Doc Bruce Wallace, as Irving ain't much of a mechanic. Incidentally Irving had to rent the machine, as neither those of Doc Bruce Wallace nor Doc Ray Wilson would handle that type of film.
The pictures were beautiful and interesting - but of course Irving got the expected amount of kibitzing while they were being shown.

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The lunch at the meeting was prepared by Sid Kaufman, assisted by Mae Chamberlain and Elise Wallace. Little Ricky Kaufman also "assisted", although we ain't sure just how much assistance he was to Sid and the gals.

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Having had Ricky as a waiter, does that make us violators of the child labor laws?

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Louie Walrath acted as auctioneer. Perhaps he did that because he was sorry for Doc Wallace, who had worn his

throat raw explaining coin prices and the County Fair display arrangements. Clive Foss acted as combination messenger boy and bill collector.

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COIN EXHIBITS AT THE 1954 SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR - Doc Bruce Wallace reported on the arrangements now made for these exhibits, and we must say he is to be congratulated on doing a fine job. He did a lot of work and spent a lot of time working out plans with the Fair management, and the results justify his efforts. There will be a class for almost every kind of coin, medal, and paper money; with cash prizes totalling $340.00 as well as award ribbons.
At the meeting Doc distributed mimeographed sheets giving full information, and this is so important that we will reprint it in full in an early Bulletin - especially for the benefit of those absent from the meeting.

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OUR HOSPITAL REPORT - Too many of us have been on the sick list lately. We hadn't seen Bill Bell for some time and just now learned that he had been in hospital for four months. We were glad he was well enough to come to the meeting.

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Then too, Abe Beck was laid up for about two months, but we are pleased that he now is all right again.

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The day after our installation, Anna Panosh's mother was in an auto accident, and now is in Mercy Hospital with a chipped spine and many bruises. Anna tells us that she is getting along well, and at least we are glad of that.

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Charlie Louschner is out of hospital again, having left it just three days before our last meeting.

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Having just got out of hospital, Charlie tried to get back in again. He watched the dismantling of an old house, when the workmen stirred up a swarm of peevish bees. The bees must have liked Charlie, because they

kissed him all over his face and hands. At the meeting he even took time out to dig out a couple of stings which he had overlooked.

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Abe Beck now has retired from the San Diego Gas and Electric Co., and at the meeting proudly showed a fine watch presented to him.

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We guess that Abe finally accumulated enough quarters out of gas meters so that he can afford to loaf for the rest of his life.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be April 26 to May 2. Atwood MacDonald is our chairman for this, and has been working hard lining up display sites. He hopes to have at least 50 displays in prominent spots. He will need the help of all of us to put this over, so figure out what you can let Atwood have when he asks for display material.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting will be on March 19 at the home of Dr. Charles Harbeck, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles. Tom Ward will speak on "The Reign and Coinage of Gallienus".

Other programs planned are: either Dr. George Landegger or Harold Johns in April, and Capt. Nick Jamgochian in May.

At the January meeting Earle Stanton gave a very comprehensive talk on "Kings of Macedonia". After reviewing early Macedonian history, he went into considerable detail about Philip II, Alexander the Great, and his successors. The talk was illustrated by an unusually fine display of Macedonian coins from the collections of the speaker, of Prof. Wallace Todd, and of Cpt. Nick Jamgochian.

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On March 15 Tom Ward will give an elementary talk on Roman coins to the Boy Scouts of Fallbrook. It may not be generally known, but numismatics is one of the recognized Boy Scout activities, for which merit badges are given.

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COINAGE DURING OCTOBER, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	13,257.50	1,104,000.00	1,078,000.00
Quarters	1,051,628.75	60,000.00	
Dimes	2,651.50	256,000.00	784,000.00
Nickels	292,925.00	230,000.00	
Cents	364,715.00	75,000.00	963,750.00

UNCIRCULATED 1953 COIN SETS may be purchased until March 31 for $6.14, with a limit of one to each buyer. Orders should be sent to the Treasurer of the United States, Cash Division, Washington 25, D.C., with remittance in the form of money order, bank draft, etc., but no personal checks.

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ROYAL TOUR FLORIN - Australia will mint a special 2s piece to commemorate the Royal tour. The design and dies are being prepared in London.

- Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin, quoted from the Daily Telegraph

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We had some more stuff to tell you, but ran out of space. So with this we will hereby conclude another number of the world's worst numismatic journal.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 5 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

NUMISMATICS AT THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR - Last month we told you how Doc Bruce Wallace had made first class arrangements for us to exhibit at this fair, at Del Mar, June 25 to July 5, inclusive. This month we give a list of the 34 sections which have been arranged, as given on the mimeographed sheets which Doc distributed at the February and March meetings. Please preserve either Doc's sheet or the following to guide you in preparing your displays.

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In each section there will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd award ribbon. With each first award a cash payment of $10 will be made, totalling $340. There also will be special award ribbons (without cash) for especially outstanding displays.

The fair is providing 25 display cases, each 24" x 30" x 2", glass topped and locked. Armed guards will be on duty 24 hours per day.

You may enter displays in as many sections as you wish. Doc Wallace wishes to know as soon as possible what you plan to show and how much space you will need, in order to divide the cases fairly.

Two things we hope for: to fill all the cases, and to show something in each division. The fair deserves this cooperation from us, in return for that they are giving us. Be sure that you enter your material in its proper class; we recall once seeing a display win an award for ancient coins - and there wasn't a single ancient coin in it. Consult with Doc if you have any question. And try to make your displays match the specifications of each division. For instance, if you enter medieval gold and silver, enter the gold in section 3 (a) and the silver in section 3 (b) of division A. This is necessary in order to facilitate

the judging. ALL DISPLAYS MUST BE IN PLACE THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, as they will be judged at that time. A list of divisions and sections follows.

DIVISION A		FOREIGN COINS
Sect.	1	Ancient B.C.
		(a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze
Sect.	2	Ancient A.D.
		(a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze
Sect.	3	Medieval Coins
		(a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze, Nickel, etc.
Sect.	4	General
		(a) Gold (b) Silver (c) Bronze, Nickel, etc.
DIVISION B		UNITED STATES COINS
Sect	1	Colonial
	2	Proofs
	3	Commemorative
	4	Civil War and Hard Times Tokens
	5	Gold
	6	General
DIVISION C		UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY
Sect.	1	Continental Currency
	2	Fractional Currency
	3	Broken Bank Bills
	4	Confederate Currency
	5	General Currency
DIVISION D		FOREIGN PAPER MONEY
Sect.	1	Inflation and Occupation Currency
	2	General Currency
DIVISION E		MEDALS, FOREIGN
Sect.	1	Military Orders and Decorations
	2	Commemorative Medals
	3	General Medals
DIVISION F		MEDALS, UNITED STATES
Sect.	1	Military Medals
	2	Commemorative Medals
	3	Presidential Medals
	4	General Medals
DIVISION G		ODD AND CURIOUS MONEY
Sect.	1	Coins and Media of Exchange
	2	Display Pieces Using Coins

THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS SPEAKS
By Doc Bruce Wallace

- do not grow old before your time. Maintain an interest in life and in all living things.
- if you make mistakes, remember it is only human to err, but try again, and try harder.
- the true economy of life, I have found, is to find a man who can do a job good, and then let him do it unhampered.
- some people complain about growing old. It's no trick at all to grow old; anyone can do it if he has the time.
- I asked a man 100 years old how he had achieved such a ripe old age, and he answered: "I just kept breathing and drank a lot of water".
- many things have been said about me that are cruel, and they hurt. But I never despair. I believe in man and the brotherhood of man, and am confident everything will come out for the good of all in the end.

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Entertainment at our last meeting consisted of a showing of colored motion pictures of the Pasadena New Years Tournament of Roses parade, through the courtesy of Joe Maestro of the Seven-Up Bottling Co., who took and showed the pictures. This is the second year that we are indebted to him for interesting pictures of beautiful floats.

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Atwood MacDonald reported on plans for National Coin Week, April 26 to May 2; he has 35 display sites located, and hopes to have 50. He and Francis Jones have been working hard on this project, so help them out by lending some of your material for display. By the time you receive this Bulletin, National Coin Week will be almost on us, so don't delay.

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THE MODERN ALCHEMISTS - What on earth are them there Russians going to do next? Irving Knickerbocker accuses them of making artificial gold.

So if you get a gold coin from Irving, be sure to examine it closely to see if it isn't marked "Made in Russia".

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Quarters; half dollars
Mildred Fischer: Coins of Panama
Frank Hernandez: Morgan dollars; cents; crowns
Gene Johnston: U.S., Canadian, and Peruvian gold; Hawaiian coins; patterns
Irving Knickerbocker: Proof sets; half cents; half dollars; commemorative half dollars
Ernest Lang: Roman Imperial silver and sestertii (large bronzes)
Atwood MacDonald: Display showing the method of numbering paper money, illustrated with uncut sheets of $1, $5, and $10 bills
Minnie MacDonald: Queen Elizabeth II Coronation sets of Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, and New Zealand
Lew Poncsh: "Coins of Biblical Times", including lepton (Widow's mites), IVDEA CAPTA (Capture of Judea) coins of Vespasian, "Tribute Penny" of Tiberius, etc.
Doc Bruce Wallace: Coronation medals of Queen Elizabeth II; Great Britain and New Zealand Coronation sets
Tom Ward: Mauryan, Indo-Greek, and other ancient Indian coins

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The displays of Atwood and Minnie MacDonald, and of Mildred Fischer were those which won awards at our installation and dinner.

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Among the outstanding pieces in Gene Johnston's gold display were a 1907 St. Gaudens $20, high relief and wire edge; 1925-S proof $20; 1883 proof $2.50; 1838 $5; 1838-C $2.50; 1846-C $5; and the Peruvian set which we once said we considered one of the neatest of modern gold issues.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

SCHWARTZ, Ralph	1024 India St., San Diego 1
LEWIS, N. J.	4551 Maryland Ave., San Diego 16

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We always are glad to see Gail Walrath at our meetings but we hated to see her arrive at the last one wearing a plaster cast on her right foot. She broke the ankle in a fall. She said she was getting along all right, and we are glad of that, at any rate. Gail also added that her accident was more annoying than serious. We don't blame her for being annoyed; we would be too.

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Anna Panosh has taken up a new hobby which is likely to be rather rough on the health of her husband, Lew. She's collecting empty liquor bottles.

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We suppose this means that Lew will have to drink more liquor in order to keep Anna supplied with empty bottles.

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And can you imagine Lew violently dragging Anna past saloon doors, so she won't duck in to look for empty bottles?

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the so coming programs:

April 16 at the home of Dr. George Landegger, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles. Dr. Landegger will speak on his recent West Indian trip, and show pictures he took.

May 21 at the home of Capt. Nick Jangochian, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale. Subject to be announced later.

At the February meeting Clive Foss spoke on "The History of Parthia", tracing the history of that mysterious semi-barbaric country which, despite its many internal political upheavals, was the only ancient nation capable of standing up to Rome. Clive gave brief biographies of the kings and pretenders - the latter being almost as numerous as the regular mon-

archs. Before speaking, Clive distributed maps of Parthia and its neighbors and lists of the kings to each member present, to make his talk easier to follow. It was a carefully prepared and detailed speech on a relatively obscure and difficult subject.
To illustrate Clive's talk, Capt. Nick Jangochian exhibited a large number of fine Parthian coins.

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STATISTICAL DEPT. - Doc Bruce Wallace, our painstaking figurer-outer, comes up with some coin price statistics. He has doped it out that if you had bought one each of certain groups of U.S. coins in 1937 and sold them in 1954, you would have made large profits. For examples, he quotes:
16 Flying Eagle and Indian cents which rose from $48.50 to $459.00
8 Lincoln cents which rose from $18.75 to $161.00
19 Indian nickels which rose from 129.75 to $796.50
11 Morgan dimes which rose from $18.50 to $577.50
13 Mercury dimes which rose from $18.70 to $512.50
2 20-cent pieces which rose from $30.00 to $145.00
3 quarters which rose from $8.25 to $300.00
4 half dollars which rose from $16.00 to $515.00
The Flying Eagle and Indian cents which make the first group are:
1856 uncirculated and proof; 1857 uncirculated and proof; 1858 uncirculated and proof; 1861 uncirculated and proof; 1864 uncirculated; 1871 uncirculated; 1872 uncirculated and proof; 1877 uncirculated and proof; 1908-S uncirculated; 1909-S uncirculated.
The Lincoln cents are, uncirculated:
1909-S-VDB; 1914-D; 1921-S; 1923-S; 1924-S & D; 1927-S; 1931-D
The Indian nickels are, uncirculated:
1913-S types 1 & 2; 1915-S & D; 1916-S & D; 1917-S & D; 1918-S; 1919-S & D; 1921-S; 1923-S; 1924-S & D; 1925-S; 1926-S; 1927-S; 1928-S
The Morgan dimes are, uncirculated:
1892-S; 1894-O; 1895-O; 1896-S; 1897-O; 1900-S; 1901-S; 1902-S; 1903-S; 1904-S; 1913-S
The Mercury dimes are, uncirculated:

1916-D; 1917-D; 1919-D; 1921; 1921-D; 1923-S; 1924-S; 1926-S; 1927-S & D; 1928-S & D; 1930-S
The 20-cent pieces are, proof:
1877; 1878
The quarters are, uncirculated:
1916; 1921; 1927-S
The half dollars are, uncirculated:
1917 obverse S; 1919-S & D; 1921

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A couple of months ago we printed a newspaper article stating that William F. Sneed, Jr., of Lakeland, Florida, recovered a large number of Spanish coins of great value from a ship sunk at the mouth of the Suwanee River. Now comes an article in the San Diego Union saying that it ain't so. It was only about 30 coins "of no great value".

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Last month Congress passed bills approving the issue of three commemorative half dollars to honor anniversaries of New York City, Northampton, Massachusetts, and the Louisiana purchase; but the San Diego Tribune reports these vetoed by President Eisenhower. The President acknowledged the importance of these events, but said that approval of special coins might lead to a flood of others.

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NOTICE TO BOTH OF OUR READERS: We hereby guarantee that the next number of the Bulletin will be late. The editor is going to be away from home for about three weeks - including time at the San Francisco convention of the California State Numismatic Association.

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Now that we have got on the subject of that convention and as this is the last Bulletin you will get before it starts, here is some information about it additional to that we printed in January. We are told that the San Francisco and Oakland collectors are working themselves ragged to make this convention bust the records of all previous ones - which will be a good trick if they can do it. Exhibitors are asked to set up their displays by the morning of April 23, and the

deadline for judging is 10:00 A.M., April 24.

The program of events:

April 22 - Registration, placing of exhibits, and bourse, 9:00 A.M.; auction, 7:00 P.M.

April 23 - Registration, 9:00 A.M.; trip to the San Francisco mint, 10:00 A.M.; auction, 1:00 P.M.; trip to San Francisco mint (second party), 2:00 P.M.; numismatic forum, 7:30 P.M.

April 24 - Coin Club officers' "get together" breakfast, 8:00 A.M.; registration, 9:00 A.M.; business meeting, 10:00 A.M.; auction, 1:00 P.M.; banquet, 7:00 P.M.

April 25 - Registration, 9:00 A.M.; business meeting, 10:00 A.M.; luncheon, 12:30 P.M.

So - - if you possibly can, come to the Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor Sts., San Francisco, April 22-25 - and show some of your coins.

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Major Charlie Kappen writes us that he is having the S.D.N.S. Bulletin bound in washable Morocco. Sounds like Major Charlie thinks the bulletin is likely to need cleaning.

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Maybe he's right.

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WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED HILL-BILLY WON'T WEAR - Olav Berghli was curious to know why the Hermit of Skunk Hollow didn't wear a necktie, like our more civilized members. The answer is easy. It would choke him.

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Which might be a good idea.

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ANOTHER SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY MEMBER DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF: Col. Joe Moss won the 1953 Farran Zerbe Memorial Award.

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P. S. - Col. Joe is also a member of the American Numismatic Association.

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COINAGE DURING NOVEMBER, 1953

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	10,606.00		933,000.00
Quarters	371,303.00	570,000.00	49,000.00
Dimes	75,121.20		617,000.00
Nickels	246,060.00	60,200.00	836,200.00
Cents	615,062.00	104,000.00	648,650.00

COINAGE DURING DECEMBER, 1953

Half dollars	11,057.50		137,000.00
Commemorative half dollars		50,008.50	
Quarters	434,508.75	659,000.00	2,730,600.00
Dimes	270,211.50		1,997,000.00
Nickels	379,305.00	231,000.00	81,380.00
Cents	652,521.00	194,350.00	564,450.00

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The Philadelphia mint also struck in November -
For Costa Rica: 4,570,000 stainless steel 10-centimo pieces.
For the Dominican Republic: 750,000 silver 10-centavo pieces.
The San Francisco mint also struck in November -
For Salvador: 2,000,000 brass 5-centavo and 1,068,628 brass 10-centavo pieces.

CUPID'S COLUMN - We see by the "Calcoin News" that the price of a bride in Uganda now is 5 goats, 5 cows, and 20 shillings. This should enable the Hermit of Skunk Hollow to get married at last. While he hasn't exactly the above qualifications, he might close the deal with 5 skunks, 5 coyotes, and 20 Roman denarii.

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We read in the "Numismatist" that the Arkansas Numismatic Society discussed the lack of a motto on U.S. paper money. As is so well known, we always are happy to solve anyone's numismatic problems, and therefore we offer those Arkansas Dollars the choice of any of the following mottos, any one of which (or all of which) would be appropriate on paper

money:
"Here today; gone tomorrow"
"A fool and his money are soon parted"
"Now you see it; now you don't"
"Gone with the wind"

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Speaking of coin mottoes, "In God We Trust" will appear on the new 8¢ air mail postage stamp.

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$100 BID REJECTED FOR LOPSIDED NICKEL - Winnipeg (AP) - John Weibe says he has been offered 2000 times the face value of a 1953 lop-sided nickel he took in change at his candy store, but is holding out for a lot more.
Apparently the die missed hitting the coin squarely and the beaver and Queen Elizabeth designs have been pushed off center.

- San Diego Union

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Our own personal opinion is that John should have grabbed the $100.

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BANK NOTES BEAR SAME SERIAL MARK - London (AP) - The Bank of England, it was reported, has given birth to twins.
A Newcastle businessman who declined to permit the use of his name said two new one pound notes he received when he cashed a check at his bank recently bore the same serial number - R24A925958. The bank certified both as genuine.
The man said he was keeping his identity secret because he did not want to be pestered by curio collectors.
Said a Bank of England spokesman: "As far as we know, such a thing has never happened before".

- San Diego Tribune

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It seems to us that the Bank of England is having a lot of confusion with its notes lately.
Anyway you don't cash "checks" in England. You cash "cheques".

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A prehistoric Fort Knox was uncovered by University of California anthropologists recently on the South Pacific island of New Caledonia. Excavations made in the village of Oundjo disclosed that the area was once a center for the storing and manufacturing of abrogin-al conus-shell money.

- California Highway Patrolman

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We told you how the British Treasury was trying to stop the making of imitation gold sverigns in Italy, and had experienced legal difficulty on the grounds that the coins were not legal tender. However the British now have won their case, and hereafter all governments will have to suppress such counterfeits when detected.

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At an East Bay Coin Club, Oakland meeting, Prof. Oleg Maslenikov reviewed 900 years of Russian history in 20 minutes. There's a mark for our newspapers and politicians to shoot at. As it is now, it looks like they are going to explain 20 minutes of Russian history for the next 900 years.

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With the present price of coffee, Lew Panosh should add coffee beans to his collection of odd and curious money.

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Exchange rate: one coffee bean to one dollar.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 3 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.
PROGRAM: "Other Hobby" night and showing of slides of U.S. paper money

"OTHER HOBBY" NIGHT will be one of those meetings which we have about once a year when we show our other interests besides coins. So bring your stamps, Ming vases, Egyptian scarabs, bottles, knitting, or whatever else you find interesting in addition to numismatics.
The slides of U.S. paper money are those of the A.N.A. Newell Visual Educational Committee; we have showed other slides in this series and they all were very good - so this should be too.

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Our English member, Spink and Son, Ltd. of London should be able to make a swell display on "Other Hobby" night; Spink's could show old English silver, Chinese carvings, Greek and Roman antiques, and all kinds of such stuff that they have in addition to coins.

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MODIFICATION OF THE COUNTY FAIR COIN DISPLAY PLANS - After we printed the plans for these displays last month, some changes had to be made. The most important is that the cash awards are out. While these awards were approved by the local Fair Committee, they were overruled by the State of California Department of Finance. And as this department controls the money, we guess that's that.
Several reasons for withholding the cash awards were given, all sound from the state's point of view we must admit. One was that the coins are not products of the State of California nor San Diego County, and the fair is, of course, to promote such products. Another is that they are not at all connected with

agriculture, the main feature of the fair. It was also pointed out that the coins were not made by the exhibitors, and therefore could not be classified with other hobbies such as models, etc.
However, award ribbons will be given, a first, second, and third in each section and sub-section.

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The other changes are in the divisions and sections. It was felt that some of the sections were too limited and some too wide, so efforts have been made to correct this. Medieval coins now are all in one section regardless of metal; foreign coins have been divided into European, Asiatic, Oriental, and Mexican-Central-South American; California and other private gold have been allotted a section; etc. It is not necessary for us to give all details here, as Secretary Francis Jones will mail each of you a sheet giving all information.

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While the Department of Finance says coins ain't agricultural, maybe we might fool 'em. We have Francesco Gnecchi's 'Flora and Fauna on Roman Coins', and we could show a lot of those coins with plants.

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Lots of Roman Republican coins have grain ears as part of the designs.

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We could even exhibit the Piso-Caepio denarii, which were issued for the special purpose of buying grain. And if that ain't agricultural, what is?

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Lew Panosh reported for the By-Laws Committee, consisting of himself, Doc Ray Wilson, and Tom Ward, and submitted drafts of the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws. After a reading, these documents were sent to the Board of Governors for study, and they will be resubmitted for a final vote at the next meeting. After final approval, copies will be prepared and given to each member.
Most of our old rules remain unchanged, but a number of alterations and additions have been made. Among

them are provisions for Honorary Members and Fellows to recognize merit and service; for the publication of names of membership applicants before acceptance; for consellors for Junior Members; setting of definite dates for some actions; etc.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Olav Berghli: Books dealing with the history of the U.S. mint

Eugene Cooper: British proof sets of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II

Raymond Harlan: Early half dollars; U.S. gold; proof sets

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proof sets; dimes; large paper money

Charlie Leuschner: An antique bronze British coat of arms

Lew Panosh: Swedish plate money

Frenchy Vigneault: Fractional currency

Doc Bruce Wallace: Nickels; dimes; quarters; various foreign coins

Tom Ward: The Legionary coins of Marc Antony

In addition to the above, Paul Boltz brought and exhibited the society's collection.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - Francis Jones and Atwood Mac Donald reported on extensive plans for this event. Displays will be placed in many places, not only in San Diego, but also in other cities and towns throughout the county. We will give you a list of exhibitors and their exhibits next month, as well as the final reports of Francis and Atwood.

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Among the several welcome visitors at our last meeting was that dean of California collectors, Mike Carey. Mike came from Los Angeles for the special purpose of attending our meeting, and we sure are glad he did. In case you don't know, he holds the A.N.A. gold medal for 50 years membership; he is a prominent collector of Roman coins and has written on them; and as a collector he has a lot of seniority. We have been

accustomed to consider Gene Johnston as our senior collector; but Mike started collecting coins in 1882, the year before Gene was born.

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Mike says that's how he got so many nice Roman coins; he collected them out of circulation when they were current.

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Gail Walrath's broken ankle now is much better, we are glad to say. She no longer has to wear a cast; however the foot is still considerably swollen and tender, and bothers her somewhat when walking.

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Lew and Anna Panosh acted as cooks and waiters for our lunch (and Anna did most of the acting). But they didn't dress for the part like Mattie Knickerbocker did when she and Irving did the serving at the previous meeting. Mattie dressed like a maid, or a waitress.

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Well anyway, that's what her costume looked like to us.

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Of course we know that Mattie is always a style leader, so maybe that costume was a new style not yet in general use.

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For the purpose of serving, Irving Knickerbocker should have dressed as a butler. We think he would have made a nice dignified looking butler.

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We have more readers than we thought. Last month we said Gene Johnston showed a 1925-S proof $20, and since that he has been deluged with offers to buy it. So perhaps we should send Gene a bill for advertising. The only difficulty is that there ain't no such coin.

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Unless maybe a Boltz proof.

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The writer wishes to thank the Convair Coin Club for electing me as an honorary member, and to state that I very much appreciate this honor. - Tom Ward.

THE PRESIDENT EMERITUS SPEAKS - ON CHARACTER

By Doc Bruce Wallace

- the will to do right must come, can only come, from character. The word itself in its original Greek meaning was tha mark or stamp used of coins, to distinguish good from bad.
- man and coins are alike, are judged by their character and fineness.
- character than, the mark or stamp which distinguishes the good penny from the bad, must be the high factor in our relations with other men.
- our junior coin collectors of today should be taught to judge the character and fineness of a coin, also that their own character should be as true and fine as the coins they collect.

The San Bernardino Coin Club has issued membership cards to all officers of the American Numismatic Association and the California State Numismatic Association, so says John Yriberne, President of that club.

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We also note that the San Bernardino Coin Club, like several other coin clubs, has two secretaries. Therefore our own Francis Jones must be doing two jobs - and so we propose that we double his salary.

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Speaking of the San Bernardino Coin Club, remember this is the club that will put on the fall convention of the C.S.N.A. in Riverside. It is a relatively new club but a live one - and so we expect they will give us a good convention.

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The Fullerton News-Tribune, under the heading: "ROMANCE, MYSTERY, ADVENTURE - RARE COINS THAT HINT AT FASCINATING STORIES DISPLAYED AT MEETINGS OF CLUB AT BREA" had quite a long article reporting the March meeting of the Orange County Coin Club. It described many coins shown at that meeting, and gave the points of interest connected with them, given by Doc Glenn Curtis. Also, it was headed with a 4½" x 6" picture

showing Irving Knickerbocker standing behind his coin display. Irving is wearing a kind of bewildered or uneasy expression, but maybe that is because he don't like having his picture took.

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And while we are on the subject of the Orange County Coin Club, Wayne Highbee spoke at the club in March. We didn't learn this in time to announce it.

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Anyway, the notice cards that the Orange County Coin Club sent out had Wayne's titles listed in their order of importance, as:

(1) Past President of the San Diego Coin Club (sic)
(2) Personnel Director of the City of San Diego

Of Wayne's present public job in Santa Monica there was nary a mention; but anyway the high spots of his career were shown.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce these coming programs:

May 21 - "Corinth" by Capt. Dick Janjochian at his home, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale.
June 18 - "Words and Phrases from Ancient Places" by Harold Johns at the home of Prof. Wallace Todd, 1257 North Cedar St., Glendale.
July 16 - "The Coinage of the Last Continent" by Bill Koonce at his home, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood.
August 20 - "Numismatic Surprises" by Dr. Gleason Archer at his home, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena.

At the March meeting Tom Ward spoke on "The Reign and Coinage of Gallienus". The speaker said that although the coins of that Emperor marked a low in Roman coin art, material, and workmanship, they presented a number of interesting features, which he illustrated with a large number of specimens presenting unusual aspects. Among them were the Legionary series, the disputed CONSECRATIO series, the "Appeal" series, coins showing archaisms, commemorative designs, designs rarely or not at all previously used, etc. Harold Johns and Dr. Gleason Archer also showed coins

of Gallienus. Other coins exhibited were: Dr. Charles Harteck, series of Roman Imperial portrait coins; Earle Stanton, a fine Marc Antony-Cleopatra VII tetradrachm; and Bill Koonce, some fine Greek tetradrachms and a Becker forgery of one.

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Our January number drew some comment from our English member; Howard Linecar of the staff of Spink and Son, Ltd. writes in part:

"Regarding your note on page 10 about 'The Million Pound Note', the Bank of England always gets excited if anything resembling a bank note is used for advertising purposes. In this instance the film was showing at a cinema just around the corner from us and the danger appeared to be that some of the small advertisements for the film, stuck in the sub-ways and other advertising places handy for the public, might lend themselves to copying of the representation of the note shown. This may sound a bit far fetched but there was quite recently a case which went through the English courts where a firm of European fruit suppliers introduced a brand of label so like the English pound note that two or three of them were actually cashed by enterprising dockers in public houses in the London dock area."

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FLOOD AND MUD IN SKUNK HOLLOW - While the March storm didn't do much damage in the San Diego area, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow got it in the neck. His driveway connecting with the county road caved in, and the whole front of his place became an ocean of mud. After the third day of rain it was impossible to get his car in or out, so the Hermit had to park his at a neighbor's and walk - or rather wade - home for the next five days. And just to put the finishing touch on things, a sycamore tree fell through the roof of his porch.

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Charlie Leuschner's place got well drenched too, but as his property is on a slope, the water ran off better.

DID YOU KNOW that you can't spend -

- Roman coins in Rome?
- Athenian coins in Athens?
- Corinthian coins in Corinth?
- Carthagenian coins in Carthage?
- British coins in Liverpool or Birmingham?
- Canadian coins in Ottawa?
- Jewish coins in Palestine?
- Russian coins in Moscow?
- Indian coins in Delhi or Madras?
- Mexican coins in Mexico?
- Egyptian coins in Cairo or Alexandria?
- French coins in Paris or Versailles?
- German coins in Berlin?
- Portuguese coins in Lisbon?
- Cuban coins in Havana?
- Chinese coins in Pekin or Canton?
- Spanish coins in Cadiz?
- Norwegian coins in Norway?
- Swiss coins in Geneva?
- Macedonian coins in Macedonia?
- Polish coins in Warsaw?

If you don't believe all this, just try spending Roman coins in Rome, Georgia or Kansas; Athenian coins in Athens, Ohio; Corinthian coins in Corinth, Mississippi; Carthagenian coins in Carthage, Missouri; British coins in Liverpool, Ohio or Birmingham, Alabama; Canadian coins in Ottawa, Illinois; Jewish coins in Palestine, Texas; Russian coins in Moscow, Idaho; Indian coins in Delhi, California or Madras, Oregon; Mexican coins in Mexico, Missouri; Egyptian coins in Cairo, Illinois or Alexandria, Virginia; French coins in Paris, Kentucky or Versailles, Connecticut; German coins in Berlin, Wisconsin; Portuguese coins in Lisbon, North Dakota; Cuban coins in Havana, New York or Illinois; Chinese coins in Pekin, Illinois or Canton, Ohio; Spanish coins in Cadiz, Wyoming; Norwegian coins in Norway, Maine; Swiss coins in Geneva, Alabama or Illinois; Macedonian coins in Macedonia, South Carolina; or Polish coins in Warsaw, Indiana.

The following extract from Circular No. 1477 of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago may be of interest to collectors of U.S. gold coins:

The Treasury Department has informed us that United States gold coins having a recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin on April 5, 1933, are being delivered to banks by persons who apparently are not aware of the fact that it is not necessary to deliver these coins to the United States under the 1933 gold orders. Therefore, these persons may continue to hold, acquire, transport, or sell such coins provided that the coins may not be exported from the United States except under license issued by the Director of the Mint.

In view of the foregoing, the Treasury Department has asked that we inform the banks in our district that prior to accepting a deposit of United States gold coins it is in order for them to advise the depositor to consult a recognized numismatist for an opinion as to whether or not the coins are of recognized special value, as described above.

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This is going to be tough for Paul Boltz. If anyone tries to turn in gold coins at his bank, he's got to chase 'em away.

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Doc Bruce Wallace is continuing his researches into the prices of U.S. coins. He now has tackled the 1931-S cent, which he thinks may be a sleeper. In the Whitman book it lists for $2.00 uncirculated, and in the American Coin Book at $5.00, and the publisher told Doc it was undervalued. To see how many were available, Doc wrote to 24 dealers offering to buy a complete roll, and he received 24 replies to the effect that no roll was available. In fact, many of these dealers wanted to buy some.

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THE WILD WEST REVIVED - Perhaps you thought that Buffalo Bill Cody was the last of the great buffalo hunters. Well, that ain't so. We have a couple of buffalo hunters in the S.D.N.S.; Bob and Lu Whited.

They are hunting buffalo on nickels.

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So should we call them "Buffalo Bob Whited and Buffalo Lu Whited?

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When Tom Ward spoke on Roman coins at the Fellbrook Boy Scouts meeting, a good date was set for it: the Ides of March. He showed about 200 coins through the Republic and Empire, and while he had expected the boys to be most interested in those of Caesar, Marc Antony, gold, etc., what really fascinated them was the series of early cast bronze pieces. The kids all marvelled at that kind of money. Tom also found that it was not at all necessary to "talk down" to the boys; once the interest of these young fellows is captured, they are surprisingly quick to understand anything within reason. And if you don't capture their interest, you might as well shut up. As the speaker had expected, he was overwhelmed with questions, some of them very intelligent. Moreover the boys must really have wanted to see coins, because the attendance was 26, which the local Scoutmaster said was the highest it has been since he had charge of the troop. Only two members were absent.

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FICTION SECTION - While we ain't at all an expert on English coins, still we think we caught an author in a chronological bungle. In a historical novel of the time of William the Conqueror, William says he isn't invading England for shillings. Well, that was in 1066 - and as far as we know, shillings weren't issued until several centuries later.

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Although there once was a Saxon coin called the scilling.

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Then too, in a story of Byzantium during the reign of Justinian I and Theodora, we find five solidi explained as having a value of about thirty dollars. Well, the equivalent value of Roman money in any period is a debatable subject; but just the same the value of

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five solidi would be nearer to thirty dollars, than to three.

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We wonder if our English member, Spink and Son, Ltd., would be willing to sell us five solidi for three dollars.

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Or even thirty dollars.

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Something else we wonder about: why wasn't Mary Bowler at the last meeting? It's darn seldom she misses any.

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THE MINT REPORT hasn't yet arrived this month.

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On page 4 we mentioned the "Poltz proof", and for the benefit of newcomers perhaps we should tell what such a "proof" is. It is a coin which Paul Poltz has cleaned with cyanide, nitric acid, ammonia, and any other chemical he happened to think of; then polished vigorously with a wire brush, file, emery grit, iron filings, etc., until it has a proof-like surface.

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That is, what's left of the coin has a proof-like surface.

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Anyway, there's no coins on earth like Poltz proofs.

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And a darn good thing, too.

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NEXT MEETING: ANNIVERSARY DINNER, Monday, June 7 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER. It will be held in our usual meeting place, with the food and service to be provided by a caterer. The cost will be approximately $1.75 per person, and Secretary Francis Jones should be notified as soon as possible how many reservations you want. Final arrangements have not yet been completed, but the event will be much in line with our previous ones; a good dinner, interesting entertainment, and other features. One of the most important items will be the exhibit of coins and medals, for which ribbons will be awarded. So be sure to bring some of your material for display.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - The convention just held in San Francisco was fully as successful as all the past ones, and in fact Paul Snedaker's job as Chairman in Charge of Gripes was entirely unnecessary. There were no gripes - nor were there any reason for any

The displays were fine, the speakers very interesting, the dealers did well, and the auction brought good prices.

Attendance was 188, the highest figure so far for any convention held in the north.

All officers were re-elected. The fall, 1954 convention will be at the Mission Inn, Riverside, and the spring, 1955 one at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.

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The 71st birthday of Frank Hernandez fell during the convention, and he was so deluged with flowers that at first we thought he was part of the ladies' flower arranging demonstration.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

KAPPEN, Major Charles V. (San Jose): Ancient and modern Formosa, well written up and trimmed with photos of Formosan scenes and with a cast bronze relief map of the country; California numismatic literature (FIRST AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES; SPECIAL AWARD FOR LITERATURE; P.C.N.S. TROPHY FOR BEST DISPLAY)

ALLEN, Ken P. (Alameda): U.S. gold including earliest issues and commemoratives; Pioneer gold including $50 and other Assay Office pieces; British gold (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. GOLD)

FOX LAIRD, Cpl. Arthur (Mt. Pleasant, Utah): U.S. types (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S.)

LORNE, Kurt E. (San Francisco): "Coins of the Bible" with explanations and maps - Jewish, Roman, Syrian, etc. (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

MERLING, Erich (Oakland): Annamese coins; gold and silver of John George I of Saxony, 1611-1656, including multiple crowns (FIRST AWARD FOR MULTIPLE COUNTRIES)

MESINITSKY, S. G. (San Francisco): Russian medals and orders, including very many varieties of the St. George series (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDALS)

BOYCE, Tom (San Jose): "Coinorama" - coins of many nations, each accompanied by a flag of that country; coins showing ships; British portrait coins (FIRST AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

DRAPER, Fred E. (Upland): U.S. gold types of all mints, including Charlotte, N.C., and Dahlonega, Ga. (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. GOLD)

BRANDEBERRY, F. C. (San Francisco): U.S. commemorative gold including both $50; commemorative half dollars (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. GOLD)

COLE, Clifton C. (Santa Rosa): U.S. type set, well written up (SECONS AWARD FOR U.S.)

HALLEY, Stanley S. (Berkeley): "The Beginnings of Western Coinage" - early Greek coins including Lydia, Italy, and Sicily, with map

showing locations of issues SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

GUARNERA, Vincent (San Jose): "Around the World with Small Change" - small coins of many nations, each accompanied by a flag; medieval and early modern silver (SECOND AWARD FOR MULTIPLE COUNTRIES)

OLSWANG, Dennis (San Francisco): "Canadian Rarities" including an 1858 cent (15 known), 1858 20¢ (only year of issue), 1923 small cent, 1942 cent (2 known with this variety of beaver), 1859 overdate cent, 1891 small date cent, etc. (SECOND AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

STEELE, Col. Charles (Oakland): Colonial, Continental, and Confederate currency (SECOND AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

PANOSH, Mrs. Anna Merle (San Diego): U.S. and foreign medals, decorations, and orders, including a Congressional Medal of Honor (SECOND AWARD FOR MEDALS)

REYNOLDS, Richard (San Jose): Coins of historical persons and events (SECOND AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

SNEDAKER, Paul D. (San Francisco): U.S. cent types including Feuchtwanger; Indian cents (THIRD AWARD FOR U.S.)

WARD, Thomas W. (Fallbrook): "Roman Religion on Roman Coins" - pictures of gods, goddesses, mythical figures, and fabulous monsters (THIRD AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

STRAUCH, Milton C. (Daly City): "Coins of Historical Interest", as of Maximilian of Mexico, etc.; Netherlands siege pieces; coins of Luxemburg (THIRD AWARD FOR MULTIPLE COUNTRIES)

RITCHIE, Alexander W. (Berkeley): Chinese amulets and charms, with explanations of their designs and purposes (THIRD AWARD FOR SPECIALIZED SERIES)

GJUROVICH, Rudy (San Jose): Continental and fractional currency; large bills; foreign paper money, including current Japanese complete;

provincial Japanese money circa 1800 (THIRD AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

MOHLER, Harry A. (Sausalito): Japanese and Portuguese medals and orders (THIRD AWARD FOR MEDALS)

PAYNE, Bruce (Oakland): Modern British, French, and German coins (THIRD AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

LOUNINOS, Guy (Petaluma): "Crowns Through the Ages"; German thalers (THIRD AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

HILL, Roy (San Francisco): "The 'S' Mint in History" being specimens of the first coins of each denomination struck in San Francisco, mint photos and other pictures (SPECIAL AWARD)

BLOOM, Clifford H. (San Francisco): Ancient and modern gold coins of many nations

BRAMAN, M. (San Francisco): Peace dollars; leather depression "money" of Albany, Oregon

MANNS, Spencer (San Francisco): Chinese and Confederate currency

CUTLER, Mrs. Harry (San Francisco): California gold; Mellors and Co. $50 die set; antique jewelry of gold rush days

FROST, R. Jack (Berkeley): Cents; nickels; trade dollars

KAGIN, Art (Des Moines, Iowa): Many U.S. rarities, as gold and silver bars of various sizes and shapes, 1796 proof quarter and half dollar, unique Blake and Agnell $23 gold, unique note of Union Gold Bank of Oakland, raised edge 1882 nickel, 1918 Federal Reserve note $2 on obverse and $1 on reverse, etc.

LIGS, C. L. (San Francisco): Morgan dollars, 1878-1921

LODGE, L. G. (San Francisco): Flying Eagle and Indian cents

SCHAFFER, Fred (Kingsburg): A fine Armenian rug, 40" x 160", made in a dollar bill design

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As usual, the above descriptions do not do full justice to the displays. But we might add a few remarks. For instance, the 1796 proof quarter in Art Kagin's

display was once owned by Louie Walrath.

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THE UNRECINSTRUCTED REBEL - We always thought that Col. Charlie Steele was a U.S. Army colonel, until we saw his lay-out of Confederate money, topped with a Confederate flag.

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And of course we had a famous Confederate general present; General (Kenny) Lee.

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Paul Snedaker's Indian cents were laid out in the form of the head of an Indian.

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The photos accompanying Major Charlie Koppen's Formosa display were taken by him while he was there. Charlie always said he disliked Formosa so much that we are surprised he took that much interest in the country.

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Ken Allen's display label said: "presented by Ken Allen". We could have used some of that gold, so we stuck around waiting for the presentation - but it didn't happen.

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THE HILL BILLY IN THE BIG CITY - As might have been expected, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow got lost in San Francisco before he found the hotel.

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Too bad he didn't stay lost.

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But Mattie Knickerbocker and Gail Walrath lost themselves. They took aimless rides on the cable cars.

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Maybe Mattie got tired of riding in those three Cadillacs. Or perhaps she wanted to show how democratic she was, by riding with the common people.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE - Maude Davidson wandered around looking for someone to buy her breakfast. That shows how tight these here bankers are, when Harry Davidson wouldn't even buy breakfast for his wife.

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On the other hand, Karl Brainard is willing to feed gals. He fed Grace Brainard and Thelma Case. But that was only a bribe for them to let him finish the trip to San Francisco in one day.

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The two very interesting speakers on the numismatic forum were Abe Kosoff and Prof. Oleg Maslinkov. Abe told of his experiences in Europe and Egypt on his trip to attend the ex-King Farouk sale. Prof. Maslinkov gave a fine speech on Russian history and coinage and illustrated it with specimens from the earliest to modern times.

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The professor's fields are history and Slavic languages, and he said he was not a numismatist. But we thoroughly endorse one of his first remarks: "Every numismatist must be a historian".

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Cpl. Arthur Fogelberg deserves a medal or something. He got a three day furlough, and used it to hitch-hike to his home in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, pick up his collection, and then hitch-hike to San Francisco to display it. This used up all the poor guy's furlough so that he had no time left to attend the convention.

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John Ohls suggested our getting a large banner with the name of the organization on it, for display at conventions. At first we thought that maybe he had planned for us to have a convention parade, like the American Legion and Shriner conventions.

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If so, Rudy Gjurovich coule lead it.

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During the convention we were very sorry to learn that Ray Reagan, who had planned to attend, was ill in hospital. The association sent him a letter of regret. Subsequently we learned that he now is a lot better, for which we are thankful.

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THE FARMER ON DUTY - One of the hotel employees pushed a cart with a milk can through the room where we had

our business meeting, and Chris Petersen promptly left. He thought he was going to be invited to milk a cow.

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THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DELEGATION AT THE CONVENTION:

Clive Foss	Irving Knickerbocker
Doc Bruce Wallace	Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker
Mrs. Elise Wallace	Louie Walrath
Sam Chamberlain	Mrs. Gail Walrath
Mrs. Mae Chamberlain	Mrs. Lillian Carney
Mrs. Nelle Jones	Frank Hernandez
Lew Panosh	Bill Ehlers
Mrs. Anna Panosh	Tom Ward

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Also the following S.D.N.S. members who live in other areas:

Art Kagin	Roy Hill
Ed Fogler	Chris Petersen
Abe Kosoff	Earl Parker
Abner Kreisberg	Kenny Lee
Doc Nathan Bowers	John Yribarne
Thelma Case	Harry Davidson
Karl Brainard	

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If we missed anyone, please tell us.

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Those San Francisco fellers sure went to great lengths to give us an unusual thrill. When we had the convention in San Diego the best we could do was to have a fire in the hotel; but San Francisco supplied an earthquake.

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The earthquake occurred during our lunch while Doc Nathan Bowers was speaking, and at first we thought that the bumps were due to some weighty remarks Doc had just dropped.

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Even though we had an earthquake, the weatherman was considerate. The rainstorm didn't start until the day after the convention ended.

A JUNIOR JUNIOR - Some collectors start pretty young, but a new record was set at San Francisco. Miss Pearl Holm joined the C.S.N.A. at the age of 23 days. Previously she had joined the East Bay Coin Club at the age of six days.

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In case this puzzles you, we mean Miss Pearl Holm, Junior; NOT Pearl, Senior.

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While we are on the subject of babies, Earl Parker now is a grandpa. Which we guess means that in 20 years there will be another coin dealer in San Francisco. Anyway, baby and grandfather are both doing well.

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It's too bad Mary Bowler wasn't at the convention, as one of the visitors was her daughter, Marion. Marion lives in San Francisco, but is on the point of leaving to spend two years in Japan.

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Well, that's most of the convention dope that won't be printed in the "Calcoin News". And the "Calcoin News" will give you the official dope.

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Frank Hernandez will be away for about a year; he is going on an extended tour throughout the country, and also plans to visit Cuba. He will have no permanent address during that time, but mail will reach him if sent to 1138 South Paxon St., Philadelphia, Penna. We will miss Frank, but hope he has a swell trip.

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Speaking of travelling, Emil Johnson has called off his trip to Sweden. His main idea was to get Swedish coins, and he found that the present regulations are such that he would have difficulty in taking them out of the country. So he's going to postpone the trip until such time as the regulations may be changed.

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CORRECTION - Last month we said that the San Bernardino Coin Club could sponsor the Riverside convention. It should have said the Orange County Coin Club.

EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING, "OTHER HOBBY" NIGHT:

Bill Bell: Model locomotives and trains, old and new types

Mary Bowler: Medals, badges, brooches and other antique jewelry

Mildred Fischer: Millinery- that is, the kind of hats she makes and decorates

Ricky Kaufman: Models of automobiles, mostly old timers

Sid and Helen Kaufman: Many cups and other trophies they won for dancing, including one for National competition in 1950

Mattie Knickerbocker: 335 bracelets, many of them antique and of unusual design, including some decorated with coins

Charlie Leuschner: Elaborate Indo-Chinese embroidery and lace work

Lt. Walter Luttner: Type set of U.S. coins which he showed for National Coin Week

Minnie MacDonald: A souvenir of each of many countries, as Belgian lace work, Danish ceramics, Dutch Delft articles, etc.

Anna Panosh: Empty liquor bottles

Frenchy Vigneault: Postage stamps; first day and other special covers; various materials and appliances used by stamp collectors

Doc Bruce Wallace: Daggers; old spectacles; mineral specimens and gems

Elise Wallace: Antique jewelry and costume jewelry of unusual designs

Gail Walrath: Miniature filled liquor bottles, and other small bottles

Lu Whited: A fine rug made by herself, partly finished to show the construction

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A few details about some of the above: Bill Bell's model trains included such modern items as pullman trains and freights, and a switch engine, in a scale of 1/125th of actual size. His older models included a DeWitt Clinton train in 1/4" scale. All of this is his own work, and is so complete that all parts work.

Mary Bowler's jewelry was collected by her many years ago when she travelled in Europe, and included such unusual items as a necklace made of French miniature military medals, etc.

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In addition to her display, the hat that Mildred Fischer wore was also made by her.

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One thing qas missing from the models of ancient autos shown by Ricky Kaufman; the old Chevrolet that the Hermit of Skunk Hollow used to drive. But maybe that shouldn't be considered as an automobile at all.

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Until we saw the trophies of Sid and Helen Kaufman, we didn't know we had such talented dancers with us. This only further proves what we have so often said: the most talented people naturally gravitate into the S.D.N.S. So it was only to be expected that we would have the best dancers, too. We might add that Sid and Helen have a lot more trophies than those they showed.

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Mattie Knickerbocker and Elise Wallace now might be expected to have a feud over who has the best antique jewelry collection. Elise seems to collect everything, while Mattie specializes in handcuffs.

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Charlie Leuschner got his Indo-Chinese stuff while he was there. He says he has no desire to go back for more under present conditions.

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The "other hobby" of Lt. Walter Luttmer is other coins. You can tell that because he displayed 'em. Just a single track collector, we guess.

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Minnie MacDonald doesn't seem to care what she collects, as long as it is a nice souvenir of any country.

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Anna Panosh showed empty liquor bottles; Gail Walrath showed full ones. This makes it look as if there is more will power in the Walrath family than in the Panosh family.

However that may be, Louie Walrath said the fact that the bottles were still full proved that they were Gail's, and not his.

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According to Frenchy Vigneault's display, stamp collectors need a lot more tools and supplies than coin collectors.

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Lu Whited said she has trouble in getting the right kind of wool to make more rugs like that she showed. However there is no truth in the rumor that she entices the neighbors' cats into her house to pull out their fur to make rugs from it.

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Entertainment at our meeting consisted of a showing of A.N.A. slides of U.S. paper money. Doc Bruce Wallace operated the projector and Atwood MacDonald gave the talk. Like all other A.N.A. slides we have seen, these were fine.

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Mark and Phyllis Lowthian prepared and served the lunch, for which they have our thanks. It seems kind of rough on Mark; he doesn't collect coins, but Phyllis drags him along to meetings, and then puts him to work.

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BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY - Sam Kabealo acted as our auctioneer, and that must have been a fine change for a professional auctioneer like him.

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INDUSTRIAL NEWS - Don't be surprised if you discover coins made of sheet metal; Louie Walrath just bought a half interest in a sheet metal company. In fact, the reason he came late to the meeting was that he was just winding up the details that day.

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With Louie now in the sheet metal business, something else occurs to us. A sheet metal shop should be able to make coin display cases, so do you think we ought to needle Louie along this line?

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - This year we were very active for National Coin Week, with a lot of exhibits, coin talks, radio and television programs, etc. What we accomplished was largely due to the efforts of Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones, who put in long hours and lots of work. Francis even took off a week from work to devote full time to the program.

Gene Johnston and Doc Bruce Wallace gave a number of the talks; so did Frenchy Vigneault - who, it seems almost filled the business district of National City with coin displays (see list below).

And of course too, thanks are due to the many others who placed displays - for it wouldn't have been much of a program without the coins.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK EXHIBITS

SAN DIEGO:

Thear's Music Co., 640 Broadway: S.D.M.S. - Silver crowns of the United Nations (the theme)

Land Title Insurance Bldg., [illegible] Broadway - Transportation tokens by Atwood MacDonald

United States National Bank, [illegible] Broadway - Odd and curious money by Leonel Panosh

De Sure's, 702 Broadway - Gold coins of the United Nations by Gene Johnston

Mexico Travel Service, 740 E St. - Mexican crowns by Elise Wallace

Wahrenbrock's Book House, 649 Broadway - U.S. proofs, Lincoln cents, and Jefferson nickels by Sid and Ricky Kaufman

Johnston's Coin Exchange, 1006 Broadway - Swedish Plate money by Emil Johnson and money and medals of the world by Gene Johnston

Gospel Bible Book Store, 630 E St. - Biblical coins by Lew Panosh

O'Connor's Church Goods, 1260 - 4th Ave. - Holy Year coins of the Vatican by Minnie MacDonald

Dr. Bruce L. Wallace, 716 Broadway - Crowns and Viking ship model made of coins by Emil Johnson

Mel Wallack, 133[illegible] - 5th Ave. - Coins taken from the cornerstone of the Children's Hospital by Atwood

MacDonald

First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 1200 - 4th Ave. - Coins of the world by Al Beckett

First National Bank, 1007 - 5th Ave. - Type set of the Denver mint

Greyhound Travel Service, 871 - 5th Ave. - Paper money of the world by Doc Bruce Wallace and Gene Johnston

Draper Travel Agency, 1258 - 5th Ave. - Lincoln cents by Tom McDaniel

Security Trust and Savings Bank, 904 - 5th Ave. - Uncut sheet of U.S. paper money by Atwood Mac Donald

Dick's Stamp House, 909 - 7th Ave. - U.S. proofs, Lincoln cents, Liberty quarters, Mexican gold, British proofs, and Irish coins by Olav Berghli, Raymond Harlan, and Francis Jones

Quon Mine, 1179 - 5th Ave. - Chinese crowns by Doc Bruce Wallace

San Diego Federal Savings and Loan Assn., 1265 - 6th Ave. - Coins of the world by Al Beckett

Dr. J. C. Campbell, 1027 - 6th Ave. - Scottish coins by Atwood MacDonald

Earl's Billiards, 1043 University Ave. - U.S. currency and minor coin boards by George Worthington

Security Trust and Savings Bank, Hillcrest Branch, 500 University Ave. - Paper money of the world by Doc Bruce Wallace and Francis Jones

The Whistle Stop, 3819 - 6th Ave. - Coins of the world, broken bank notes, and types of 20th century coins by Gene Johnston

Hammand's Furniture Store, 441 University Ave. - Queen Elizabeth II Coronation sets of the British Empire by Atwood MacDonald

Eugene Cooper Studio, 3678 - 5th Ave. - Ancient Greek coins, U.S. minor coins, and British Coronation sets by William and Eugene Cooper

North Park Hobby Shop, 3944 - 30th St. - Panamnian coins, U.S. proofs, and U.S. minor coins by Louie and Douglas Fischer

Jessop's, 30th and University Aves. - U.S. proof

sets 1936-1954, commemorative half dollars, and commemorative gold by N. J. Lewis

Railway Hobbycraft, 4226 University Ave. - U. S. type set by Lt. Walter Luttmer

Bargain Book Store, 936 Broadway.- Roman coins by Clive Foss

Swedish Cottage, Balboa Park - Swedish coins by Emil and Evelyn Johnson

NATIONAL CITY:

Southwest Radio and Television Laboratory, 1810 Highland Ave. - Broken bank notes by Frenchy Vigneault

Shepherd's Market, 2035 Highland Ave. - Wooden "nickels" by Frenchy Vigneault

Lansing's Market, 2331 Highland Ave. - Wooden "nickels" by Frenchy Vigneault

Joe Ramos Shop for Men, 129 East 8th St. - U.S. mint sets, U.S. paper money, broken bank notes, and crowns by Frenchy Vigneault

Douglas Oil Station, 2341 Highland Ave. - Confederate currency by Frenchy Vigneault

George's Bakery, 1819 Highland Ave. - Broken bank notes by Frenchy Vigneault

Boys' Club - U.S. types, U.S. paper money, and coins of the world by Frenchy Vigneault

H & H Pharmacy, 940 National Ave. - U.S. paper money by Frenchy Vigneault

EL CAJON:

San Diego County Library, El Cajon Branch - Roman coins by Ernest Lang

Security Trust and Savings Bank, El Cajon Branch, 209 West Main St. - Fractional currency by Abe Beck

Lawson-Schiller Jewelry Store, 123 East Main St. - U.S. gold types by Abe Beck

Mike's Model Shop, 564 El Cajon Blvd. - Coins of the world by Doc Bruce Wallace

First National Bank, El Cajon Branch, 201 North Magnolia Ave. - U.S. Treasury display of genuine and counterfeit paper money and uncut sheet of U.S. paper money by Atwood MacDonald

Rite Spot Pet Shop, 4811 El Cajon Blvd. - Commemora-

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PACIFIC BEACH:
Suburban Savings and Loan Assn., 1001 Garnet Ave. - Commemorative gold by Atwood MacDonald

OCEAN BEACH:
San Diego Public Library, Ocean Beach Branch, U.S. type set by Lew Johnosh, [illegible]

FALLBROOK:
San Diego County Library, Fallbrook Branch - Half cents, large cents, and Colonial cents by Charlie Leuschner and Roman coins by Tom Ward

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We will have to wait until next month to tell you about the coin talks and the radio and television programs. What with the convention and National Coin Week it's just too much stuff for one issue of this here Bulletin. As it is, this thing seems to be growing into a book.

We also got a number of new members for National Coin Week, and we'll have to list them next month as well.

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Anyway it's a good thing we are coming to the end of this, because we are beginning to hate the thing.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 12 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Please note change of date to miss the holiday. Program: Ladies' night.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER was another nice little party, with good food, fine displays, an interesting speaker, Col. Thomas Messer, and an unusual entertainer, Franklin Dukelow, the hypnotist.
The attendance was a little lighter than usual, but there are several reasons for this. Mainly it was because the vacation season deprived us of several regular attenders; for instance, the Hernandez family is in the east, the Wilson family is touring the northwest and Canada, Anna Panosh is in Kansas attending a golden wedding anniversary (but NOT her own), and so on. Still, we had the room full of enthusiastic people, including a number of visitors.

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Col. Messer spoke on "Doctors and Coins", and claimed that doctors originated coins. That is, he believes in the religious origin of coins, which he discussed, and as the first doctors were priests, it would follow that they originated coinage. He went into considerable detail regarding the development of money from barter, and then discussed the doctors whose portraits appear on coins, and other medical numismatic references. The colonel gave a fine talk, and one of his opening remarks especially appeals to us: "The value of a coin, nil; its history, very important".

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The hypnotist, Franklin Dukelow, did not gave a common theatrical demonstration, but discussed and demonstrated hypnotism from the scientific point of view, telling and showing its value, for example, in the treatment of physical and mental troubles. He showed its use as an anaesthetic, and how pins could be

thrust into a hypnotized subject with no pain or injury. He also demonstrated the production of such extreme rigidity as could be produced by self-hypnosis that he could be suspended horizontally by shoulders and feet, while his body was sat upon. He also answered various questions about hypnotism and extra-sensory perception, and said that there were still many things not understood about either.

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As usual, San Diego's leading florist, Jim Andersen, donated a lot of beautiful flowers for table decorations - more than usual. They were auctioned off after the dinner. The favors were the work of Elise Wallace and Mac Chamberlain. Frenchy Vieneault arranged the display lights, and Francis Jones did a lot of the work getting things ready. Gene Johnston donated the cigarettes found in each place.

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Speaking of the cigarettes, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow did very well with those. He happened to sit at a table with a lot of non-smokers who all donated their cigarettes to him. He had a large pile of them, which made Gene Johnston give him a funny eye, Gene thinking that he could easily have cut down the supply had he known the Hermit was going to mooch so many of 'em.

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It wasn't the hypnotist who put Sam Chamberlain to sleep. This can happen any time, without any hypnotist being present.

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Maybe we should have stuck pins into Sam to make sure he wasn't hypnotized.

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Doc Bruce Wallace gave final information on the County Fair coin exhibits. By the time you get this the fair will be over, and next month we'll tell you how we did.

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The Convair Coin Club does not hold meetings during summer (July and August), but will resume them on September 7.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR DINNER:

Bill Bell: Commemorative half dollars, arranged in a frame with a pictorial U.S. map (FIRST AWARD)

Tom Ward: Coins of the late Roman Republic (SECOND AWARD)

Ralph Mitchell: Large flat Japanese silver coins, of various shapes (THIRD AWARD)

Olav Borghli: Flying eagle, Indian, and Lincoln cents complete; standing Liberty quarters

Gene Johnston: Large series of German porcelain coins

Francis Jones: Type set of U.S. minor coins

Minnie MacDonald: U.S. commemorative gold

Lew Panoch: Odd and curious money, as Swedish plates, African rings, Siamese porcelain pieces, small sized gold coins, etc.

Frenchy Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars

Doc Bruce Wallace: Large flat Japanese coins, bronze and silver, in various shapes; a "money tree"

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Yes, Olav Borghli's flying eagles included the 1856. And while you might not believe it, Olav bought that specimen from Doc Bruce Wallace for 75¢. We understand that Doc is prepared to pay Olav $1.50 to get it back.

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In case any of you want to buy one from Doc for 75¢, we ought to explain that Olav's purchase was made many years ago.

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Some of Gene Johnston's porcelain coins were large enough to serve for china dinner plates. We didn't notice any egg fragments adhering to 'em, however.

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Frenchy Vigneault went to a lot of trouble to make his display. Each coin was in a separate plastic holder, supported by an easel, and all stood on a series of steps.

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The "money tree" of Doc Bruce Wallace was a stunted

tree on which he had hung many coins to show that "money grows on trees". He claimed that the tree came from the mythical Paradise in the Big Rock Candy Mountains. Doc also said the tree was very rare. We agree with him. It is so rare that it is raw.

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It is kind of curious that both Ralph Mitchell and Doc Bruce Wallace displayed the same kind of coins, and not a popular series at that. We mean the large flat Japanese pieces of different shapes, and inscribed with punch marks.

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Naturally we don't want to cast any unjust suspicions on Louie Walrath. But we can't help thinking it is funny that as soon as he bought a sheet metal company, these sheet metal coins appear. Perhaps if Ralph and Doc got the Japanese inscriptions translated, they would find them to be advertisements for Louie's new business.

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Although Minnie MacDonald had a display at the dinner, she wasn't there - nor neither was Atwood. We understand this was because of a shortage of help at their New Palace Hotel, so they both had to work.

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We'll bet that Atwood made a distinguished looking bellboy.

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OUR NEXT MEETING, JULY 12, will be Ladies' Night. But then, ain't they all? Anyway the ladies are among our most active members - even those who do not collect - and so they deserve a night once in a while to run for themselves. We don't yet know what they are lining up for the meeting, but Mattie Knickerbocker, Gail Walrath, and Elise Wallace are the committee in charge, and we can rely on these gals.

AND PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE MEETING; it will be on July 12 instead of our usual night, this change being necessary to miss the holiday.

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How about showing coins of prominent women that night?

NATIONAL COIN WEEK - Continuing our report which we had to drop off short last month due to lack of space: the coin talks were -

April 26 at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School by Gene Johnston, Atwood MacDonald, and Francis Jones. Display, Indian cents complete, commemorative half dollars, uncut sheet of U.S. currency, nickels, cents, and British Coronation sets. Slides of commemorative half dollars. Attendance 30.
April 27 at Roosevelt Junior High School, same speakers, displays, and slides as above. Attendance 80.
April 28 at San Diego High School by Doc Bruce Wallace, Atwood MacDonald, and Francis Jones. Same displays; slides of commemorative half dollars and U.S. currency. Attendance 75.
April 29 at Grossmont Union High School by Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones. Display, cents including Indian complete, nickels, uncut sheet of U.S. currency, and British Coronation sets. Same slides as above. Attendance 65.
April 29 at U.S. Naval Hospital, 1st Ward by Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones. Same displays and slides as above. Attendance 30.
April 29 at U.S. Naval Hospital, 2nd Ward. Same speakers and slides as above. Attendance 31.
April 30 at First Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop by Atwood MacDonald and Doc Bruce Wallace. Display, commemorative half dollars and British Coronation sets. Slides of commemorative half dollars. Attendance 50.
April 30 at Boys' Club, National City by Frenchy Vigneault and Francis Jones. Display, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, cents, paper money and fractional currency. Slides of U.S. currency. Attendance 35.
May 1 at Y.M.C.A. Youth Group by Doc Bruce Wallace, Frenchy Vigneault, and Francis Jones. Display, dollars, quarters, nickels, cents including Indian complete, commemorative half dollars, and uncut sheet of U.S. currency. Slides of commemorative half dollars and

U.S. currency. Attendance 100.
April 21 at Native Sons of the Golden West by Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones. Display, Indian cents complete, U.S. types in all metals, uncut sheet of U.S. currency, and British Coronation sets. Slides of commemorative half dollars. Attendance 25.
May 3 at our own meeting by Atwood MacDonald and Doc Bruce Wallace. Display, uncut sheet of U.S. currency. Slides of U.S. currency. Attendance 75.
May 4 at Convair Coin Club. Same speakers, display, and slides. Attendance 30.
The last three talks had to be given out of National Coin Week in order to fall on the meeting nights of the organizations involved.
THE TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMS were:
April 23, Television Station KFMB, channel 8; Harold Keen with Gene Johnston. 5 minutes. Subject: "The Widow's Mite and Ancient Roman Coins".
April 26, Television Station KFSD, channel 10; Seymour Francis with Lew Panosh and Frenchy Vigneault. 5 minutes. Subject: "Indian Cents and U.S. Proofs".
April 26, Radio Station KCBQ; Bob Reagan with Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones. 10 minutes. Subject: "Indian Cents and U.S. Currency".

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following meetings:
July 6 - Home of Bill Koonce, 4269 Fair Ave., North Hollywood. "The Coinage of the Last Continent"
August 20 - Home of Dr. Gleason Archer, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena. "Numismatic Surprises"
September 17 - Home of Dr. Charles Harbeck, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles. Subject not yet announced.
October 15 - Home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles. Subject not yet announced.
At the May meeting Capt. Nick Jungochian spoke on Corinth, describing its history, culture, and numismatics. The program was very interesting and was illustrated by a beautiful showing of Corinthian coins from the collections of the speaker, of Earle Stanton, of Prof. Wallace Todd, of Bill Koonce, and of Harold

Donald. In addition to Corinthian pieces, Bill Koonce showed many tetradrachms of other Greek cities and states.

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THE PACK RAT - Earle Stanton will leave for Italy, Greece, and England in August and return in November. Every time Earle makes one of these trips he always brings a lot of antique stuff back - even including stones. So we hereby warn our English friends that they had better count the stones at Stonehenge before allowing him to leave the country.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME TO THE S.D.N.S., the first 12 having joined for National Coin Week:

McDANIEL, Thomas R.	4524 Terry Lane, San Diego 15
ROBERTS, Dell	1847 Duval St., San Diego 2
MOORE, R. C.	4528 Vista St., San Diego 16
HECKETT, Al	4085 Alabama St., San Diego 4
DENARO, P. J.	1429½ - 1st Ave., San Diego 1
PEICH, Lester F.	49 Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla
VIGNEAULT, Mrs. Ivah	2331 - I Ave., National City
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Sophia A.	1562 - 7th Ave., San Diego 1
KAGIN, Paul	400-403 Royal Union Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa
KELLEY, Bill	419 Arenas St., La Jolla
BLACK, Timothy	5158 East Bedford Drive, San Diego 16
SCOTT, Bill	4411 Braeburn Road, San Diego 16
NEWMAN, Horace G.	4341 Cleveland Ave., San Diego
ROBERTS, William R.	3880 Greenwood St., San Diego 10
HEPPERLEY, H. M.	4453 Del Monte Ave., San

PHELPS, Denny

Diego 7
5722 Abalone Place, La Jolla

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OUR SICK LIST - We are sorry to say that Mildred Fischer is in hospital for an operation and so we will not see her for several weeks. Of course we all wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

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Also, the little son of Mark and Phyllis Lowthian had to have his tonsils removed, but we are pleased that he came out of this trouble fine.

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Congratulations to Mary Bowler, who has just celebrated her 78th birthday. And Mary sure is a lively and energetic gal for her age, although we regret that lately she has been having a little trouble with one arm. We hope she'll soon have that remedied.

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The above paragraph shows the kind of fearless journalism you get in the S.D.N.S. Bulletin. It takes a brave editor to publicize a gal's age.

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Sometimes that's a good way to earn a scab on the nose.

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PERILS OF THE WILD - When Gene Johnston and Marie Devlin called on the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, Marie refused to get out of Gene's car. She said she didn't want to interfere in the gabfest between Gene and the Hermit; but probably the real reason was that she was afraid of the Skunk Hollow fauna.

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Then a little more than a week later, Gene bought a new Mercury. We guess he thought that a few hours in Skunk Hollow hopelessly polluted the other car.

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Another theory: after the Skunk Hollow adventure, Gene and Marie visited Las Vegas, among other places. So perhaps Gene won enough at the Las Vegas gambling joints to pay for the new Mercury.

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COINAGE DURING FEBRUARY, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$ 1,323,354.50		
Commemorative half dollars	3,001.50	3,001.50	3,001.50
Quarters	2,387,677.25		2,948,000.00
Dimes	1,937,670.90	1,436,000.00	3,856,000.00
Nickels	283,135.00		17,020.00
Cents	48,617.00	14,050.00	43,450.00

COINAGE DURING MARCH, 1954

Half dollars	5,8[illegible].00	1,545,000.00	7,246,000.00
Quarters	4,544,903.00		1,605,000.00
Dimes	2,[illegible],161.20	501,000.00	3,363,000.00
Nickels	358,180.00	285,000.00	
Cents	116.00		

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

More evidence that people read this here Bulletin. Anna Panosh received a carefully packed, insured package from Kenny Lee, and she thought it must have contained an Order of the Golden Fleece at least. But it proved to be an empty whisky bottle, Kenny having read that Anna collected those things.

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Kenny said he had the bottle around his office for a long time, but didn't remember why he got it. If we might hazard a guess, maybe it was to stupify his customers.

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Anyhow this shows what one collector will do for another. Another example was when the Hermit of Skunk Hollow drove to San Diego to deliver a whole car load of bottles to Anna for her collection.

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The bottles were NOT uncirculated.

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And if a cop had stopped the Hermit on the road, he would have had a swell time trying to explain that he

hadn't emptied 'em while driving.

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We seem to have printed a lot about bottles in the last couple of Bulletins; but we can't help it if our gals - Anna Panosh and Gail Walrath - are so bottle-conscious.

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THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY - Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker need a different vehicle from those three Cadillacs; they need a ten ton truck. They have been commuting back and forth between San Diego and Los Angeles carrying furniture and other household effects.

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Maybe their reason for hauling that stuff is that they expect to find some old coins among it.

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ANOTHER RED? - If you happen to drive along the county road near Fallbrook and see Charlie Leuschner waving a red flag, don't tell Senator McCarthy. Charlie ain't starting a Communist demonstration; he's just controlling the traffic while water pipes are being laid along the road.

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You might know that Charlie would pick the softest job for himself; while the rest of the crew are digging ditches and wrestling with pipes, Charlie waves a flag.

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Thelma Case now has become a life member of the A.N.A. Now we should persuade her to take out a life membership in the S.D.N.S. too.

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If it doesn't seem to her as if she has already spent a lifetime in the S.D.N.S.

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Frenchy Vigneault and Jim Andersen joined the A.N.A., which led Louie Walrath to remark that they should be fined a buck each for not joining sooner.

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A NEW "WOODEN NICKEL" for the Ohio Sesqui-Centenial may be bought for 10¢ each from Heaton's Music Store, 50 North High St., Columbus, Ohio.

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Visitors always welcome.

REPORT FROM OUR ENGLISH MEMBER - Donald Crowther of the staff of Spink and Son, Ltd., London reports that he went to Cairo, Egypt to view the ex-king Farouk collection, and that later David Spink attended the auction there. So this makes three representatives of the S.D.N.S. who attended, Abe Kosoff being the other. This, of course, is just one more manifestation of our around-the-world activity.
Donald also kindly donated a number of Farouk auction price lists and will send a catalog, which will make a valuable addition to our library.

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Please notice the slight change in the address of the editor; the post office changed our box number from 68 to 85. We want you to get our address straight so we can always be sure of getting your complaints promptly.

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In the next two or three weeks we are going to get out a membership list. We had held it up intending to print it along with the new constitution and by-laws, but as these have not yet been finally approved, we are not going to delay longer.

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A FINAL REMINDER: OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 12, instead of on our usual night.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 2 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Trading Night

OUR SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS AND AWARDS:

Louie Walrath: Fractional currency (FIRST AWARD D2); Civil War tokens (FIRST AWARD C2); Colonial coins (SECOND AWARD C1)

Gail Walrath: Chinese dollars (SECOND AWARD B2b)

Minnie MacDonald: Commemorative gold (FIRST AWARD C4); Queen Elizabeth II sets (SPECIAL AWARD)

Atwood MacDonald: Scottish coins (SECOND AWARD A3 and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); Denver mint bronze and nickel (SECOND AWARD C7c); Denver mint silver (FIRST AWARD C7b); transportation tokens (FIRST AWARD H4, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); uncut paper money (FIRST AWARD D5 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Clive Foss: Roman Imperial portrait coins (FIRST AWARD A2c and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Doc Bruce Wallace: Greek bronzes (FIRST AWARD A1c); Roman Imperial bronzes (SECOND AWARD A2c); Greek and Roman silver (SECOND AWARD A1b and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); Roman Imperial denarii (SECOND AWARD A2b); European crowns (FIRST AWARD B1b); broken bank bills (THIRD AWARD D3 and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); foreign paper money (SECOND AWARD D3); German notgeld (FIRST AWARD E1); Lodge and society badges (SECOND AWARD C4 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); British and Irish coins; flying eagle and Indian cents (THIRD AWARD C7c and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES) Asiatic crowns (FIRST AWARD B2c); Oriental crowns (FIRST AWARD B3b); Mexican, Central

American, and South American crowns (FIRST AWARD B4b and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Horace ("Ace") Newman: One of the original 25 presentation sets of Stephan Foster commemorative half dollars, with stamps, music, and other Foster material (SECOND AWARD C3 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Bill Roberts: U.S. proofs (THIRD AWARD C5b); fractional currency (THIRD AWARD D2); wooden "nickels" (SECOND AWARD H1); commemorative half dollars (SECOND AWARD C3); U.S. types (SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES)

Gene Johnston: U.S. gold (FIRST AWARD C7a); Mexican, Central American, and South American gold (FIRST AWARD B4a); European gold (FIRST AWARD B1a); Asiatic gold (FIRST AWARD B2a); modern Oriental gold (FIRST AWARD B3a, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); 1883 proof set (SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); European crowns (FIRST AWARD B1b); Chinese dollars (FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Francis Jones: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II proofs (SECOND AWARD B1b); U.S. types (SECOND AWARD C7b); U.S. proof sets (SECOND AWARD C5b and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); Early U.S. coins; British and Irish coins (SECOND AWARD B1b)

Olav Berghli: Commemorative half dollars (SECOND AWARD C3); half cents and cents (SECOND AWARD C7c); Civil War and hard times tokens (FIRST AWARD C2 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Bill Kelley: Types of cents and 2¢ pieces (FIRST AWARD C7c); U.S. silver type set (FIRST AWARD C7b and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Elise Wallace: U.S. proofs (FIRST AWARD C5b)

Anna Panosh: U.S. military medals (FIRST AWARD G1); foreign orders and decorations (FIRST AWARD F1, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Bill Bell: Commemorative half dollars with pictorial U.S. map (FIRST AWARD C3)

Ivah Vigneault: Wooden "nickels" (FIRST AWARD H1)

Low Panosh: Coins of Malta (FIRST AWARD A3 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); U.S. private gold (FIRST AWARD C8); Mexican and South American gold THIRD AWARD B4a); modern Asiatic gold (THIRD AWARD B2a); European gold (THIRD AWARD B1a); odd and curious money, including coins other than metal (FIRST AWARD H1, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Marie Devlin: Continental currency (THIRD AWARD D1)

Frenchy Vigneault: Broken bank bills (FIRST AWARD D3); half dollars and trade dollars (SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); transportation and tax tokens (SECOND AWARD H4 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); large paper money (SECOND AWARD D5); Mexican pesos (SECOND AWARD B4b); fractional currency (SECOND AWARD D2); commemorative half dollars (SECOND AWARD C3); small cents (FIRST AWARD C7c, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES); presidential medals (SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); Confederate currency (FIRST AWARD D4); half cents and 2¢ pieces (THIRD AWARD C5c); thalers (THIRD AWARD B1b); Canadian coins (SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); Chinese dollars (SECOND AWARD B2b)

Jim Andersen: A plastic U.S. flag, 24" x 36", with commemorative half dollars inset with the stars (FIRST AWARD C3, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Tom Ward: Earliest Roman cast bronze coins (FIRST AWARD A1c); Roman Republican denarii (FIRST AWARD A1b); early Roman Imperial bronzes (FIRST AWARD A2c); Roman Imperial denarii (FIRST AWARD A2b); late Roman Imperial gold (FIRST AWARD A2a); medieval Indian coins (FIRST AWARD A3 and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Ruth Berghold: Flying eagle, Indian, and Lincoln cents (SECOND AWARD C7c and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES); fractional currency (SECOND AWARD D2 and SECOND AWARD, HOBBIES)

Art Beck: Fractional currency (THIRD AWARD D4)

Emil Johnson: Swedish sailing Viking ship and modern launch made of thousands of coins; copper and silver teapots and other hand made articles (FIRST AWARD B1, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Al Beckett: Many frames of coins of the whole world (FIRST AWARD B1, SPECIAL AWARD, and FIRST AWARD, HOBBIES)

Mrs. Al Beckett: Steins, tobies, and cups (SPECIAL AWARD, HOBBIES)

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The letter and number combinations above indicate the classes into which the fair assigned the displays for judging. To save space we are omitting them here, but if you want to check up on any of these, you can get full information from Doc Wallace or Clive Foss. The word "HOBBIES" following an award indicates an exhibit that won in the Hobbies Division, in addition to whatever it may have won in the numismatic division. The last three displays were with the Hobbies, and not with the rest of the numismatic material.

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Total awards by our members were:

62 First 37 Second 11 Third 9 Special

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Which is just about up to the regular S.D.N.S. standards.

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Many exhibitors used different ideas to make their displays attractive; for instance, Louie Walrath's star shaped token arrangement, Gail Walrath's cutouts of Chinese letters, Atwood MacDonald's use of tokens with letters to spell "Transportation Tokens", Lew Panosh's series of coats of arms with his Malta coins, Bill Bell's map, etc. Jim Anderson's flag was the most eye-arresting object in the numismatic section; Emil Johnson's boats were the most unusual numismatic pieces; and Al Beckett's display was the largest.

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The fair display of the San Diego Area Savings and

Loan Associations included the U.S. Treasury exhibit of counterfeit bills paired with genuine ones to show the points of difference, and very large photographs of genuine and count cards to show the details.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Jim Anderson: His plastic fan with the commemorative half dollars inset, which he showed at the fair

Gene Johnston: A three volume set of large books published in 1896, containing a fully illustrated account of the collection of Greek and Roman coins and other antiquities formed by Frederick III, Elector of Brandenburg

Francis Jones: U.S. proof sets; King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II proofs

Charlie Leuschner: Several bottles of unusual shapes

Frenchy Vigneault: Mexican pesos

Doc Bruce Wallace: Several frames of his ribbons won at the fair

Tom Ward: Large bronze coins of various Roman Empresses

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

JOHNSON, Johann L. 5312 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego 1

JOHNSON, Grace 5312 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego 15

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Just as we are working on this, we received the latest news of Mildred Fischer. She had had her operation, and we are pleased to learn that it was not as severe as anticipated - and we are still [illegible] that she is getting along fine. It is expected that she will be able to leave the hospital in a very short time; probably before you read this she will be home. However it probably will be some time before we can welcome her back at meetings.

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Anna Panosh is back from Kansas, and she ran the quiz

at our last meeting. This was a series of questions about coins, and it was won by Lt. Walter Luttmer.

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When Lew Panosh drew the question requiring him to name two years in which no buffalo nickels were struck, he named 1795 and 1796.

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Although this answer was ruled to be wrong, we claim it was absolutely correct; as there certainly were no buffalo nickels issues during those two years.

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The lunch at our meeting was served by Gail Walrath, Mae Chamberlain, Elise Wallace, and Mattie Knickerbocker - but almost all the other gals cooperated. They especially cooperated in supplying cake; we had a number of fine specimens, more than we could eat at the time; so some were auctioned off. Thanks, gals.

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Ace Newman acted as combined janitor and cook; first he dragged in a ladder and fixed a bum light; next we saw him in the kitchen.

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Mary Bowler's daughter, Marion, writes from Japan saying that she now is somewhat of a pioneer. She is located out in the sticks, and has to fix up her own civilization. Instead of sending Marion, the authorities should have sent the Hermit of Skunk Hollow; if he was away from civilization he wouldn't have noticed it.

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And Marion's letters to friends were considered so good that the San Diego Tribune printed some of them in full.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK - Our activities furing that week resulted in our receiving second award for Class A clubs. The Chicago Coin Club received first, and the Seattle Coin Club third.

In Class B clubs, the Asheville Coin Club, Asheville, N.C. won first; the Birmingham Coin Club, Birmingham, Alabama second; and the San Gabriel Valley Coin Club,

San Gabriel, Calif. third.
The Junior Class award was won by the Pingry School Coin Club, Elizabeth, N.J.
Individual awards: Walter J. Grimala, Worcester, Mass. first; Edwin F. Lashmet, Detroit, Mich. second; and Peter B. Payne, Hicksville, N.Y. third.
Full details will appear in the "Numismatist".

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Atwood MacDonald and Francis Jones did so well and worked so hard as the National Coin Week committee, that we are going to reward them. We have appointed them as National Coin Week committee in 1955.

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An anniversary is coming up. Gene Johnston will be 71 on August 21. So far we have not been able to persuade him to throw a party.

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Maybe he can't afford to, because his new Mercury went on the blink already. It didn't cost him anything to get it fixed, but he got stuck with $13.00 in towing charges.

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OUR VACATIONISTS are reporting back for duty. Doc Ray and Florence Wilson have returned from British Columbia, where they spent most of their time in the Rockies. They were "on the rocks", so to speak.

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FISH STORY - Also, Mark and Phyllis Lowthian are back from an Oregon vacation, part of which they spent in trout fishing. Phyllis reports that this is the first fishing she has done since she was a little gal, and she boasts that she was very successful. She caught a fish three inches long, and a little one.

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Moreover she is so proud of that giant fish that she had it pickled, and it now reposes in the Lowthian home as an honored ornament.

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This is much better than keeping a goldfish; it saves the expense of feeding.

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But one set of vacationists won't be back for almost a year. We mean the Hernandezes (if that's the right plural of "Hernandez"). Anyway a number of us have heard from Frank and Irene, who seem to be wandering around the eastern seaboard, gradually working south to go to the West Indies.

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Incidentally, Frank reports that while on the trip he has gathered several hundred dollars worth of crowns for his collection. If there is a single crown in any town he visits, Frank will smell it out.

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The Merced Coin Club advises us that there will be a numismatic section at the Merced County Fair, August 22-25. There will be only four classes: Colonial, currency, domestic and foreign uncirculated, and domestic and foreign circulated.
It will be seen that the Merced Fair classes are not at all as comprehensive as those of San Diego County; our fair authorized so many classes that most exhibitors won a number of ribbons - in some cases enough to make a Hula skirt.

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If they wanted a Hula skirt.

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Still, you never can tell what collectors might want next.

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Television Station KSDO sent a representative to the store of Gene Johnston with a suggestion that some time we put on a numismatic forum over that station. Sounds like a good idea to us.

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Chick's Restaurant on Broadway is closed for a few days for remodelling. As many of you know, it ain't Chick's at all; it is Sid's - Sid Kaufman. Maybe "Chick" is an abbreviation for "Sid".

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We wonder if Sid is going to change his Juke boxes again. He has had hard luck with those things. At first they took cents; Sid carefully went over the

take each night, and failed to find a single 1936 flying eagle. Then he changed to nickels and hunted again and no 1913 Liberty head showed up. (Then more he switched, to dimes, but still no luck; no 1894-S dimes at all.

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Maybe October seems a long way off now, but this is not too early to start making plans to attend the next California State Numismatic Association convention at the Mission Inn, Riverside, October 7-10. This is near enough to San Diego for us to expect the S.D.N.S. delegation to be there in force. The Orange County Coin Club is doing a lot of work making preparations and raising money, and we know that a convention run by such a live club will be among the best. We will give you details as soon as we have them.

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The picnic at Kirk Hill's "Trail's End" Ranch, near Pomona, which was held to raise funds for the convention, went over with a bang. In other words, it was swell. There was a wonderful barbecue and plenty of other refreshments, both wet and dry, all among attractive surroundings. Everyone had a fine time. A lot of S.D.N.S. people were present - Frenchy Vigneault, Louie and Gail Walrath, Doc Bruce and Elise Wallace, Gene Johnston, Francis Jones, Marie Devlin, Lew and Anna Parosh, and Sam and Mae Chamberlain. Frenchy Vigneault, Louie Walrath, and Doc Bruce Wallace were water dogs; that is, they couldn't be torn away from the swimming pool. Francis Jones kept throwing coins into the pool - 1914-D cents and similar pieces - which indicates that he hadn't passed up the liquid refreshments. Most of his coins were retrieved by Vreeland Fraser and Louie Walrath. Naturally you could expect anyone with a Scotch name like Fraser to go after money; as for Louie, we know he would be willing to dive to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean if he thought certain coins he wants were there.

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SMOKE SCREEN - We didn't know who was the heaviest

smoker in the S.D.N.S. until we saw Olav Berghli with two cigarettes in his mouth at once.

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It may have been a simple case of absent-mindedness. He forgot about the first when he added the second.

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Anyway there's a suggestion for Lew Panosh. If he smokes two cigars at once, he might be able to blow double smoke rings.

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Like pretzels.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next program of this organization will be "Numismatic Surprises" at the home of Dr. Gleason Archer, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena, August 20.

The following program will be "Roman Gods" at the home of Dr. Charles Harbeck, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles, September 17.

Later programs have not yet been announced, but the meetings will be held at the homes of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles October 15; Capt. Nick Jangochian, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale November 19; and Earle K. Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles December 17.

The June program was an unusual talk by Harold Johns on "Names and Phrases from Ancient Places". It dealt with common English words and phrases which originated in ancient names. For example, "damask" from Damascus, "tarantula" from Tarantum, "peach" from Persia, "fabian" from Quintus Fabius Maximus, and so on. Part of the program was a series of questions about ancient places, and this was won by Tom Ward, who muffed just one question. He made the original Marathon runner run an extra 16 miles. The prize (for the answers, not the run) was a copy of "Dictionary of Word Origins". Mr. Johns also donated a copy of "I, Claudius" by Robert Graves to each member present.

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NEW "WOODEN NICKELS" AVAILABLE - Sioux City, Iowa has issued "wooden nickels" for the city's centennial. We

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do not know their cost, but they may be obtained from Sioux City Centennial, Inc., 520 - 5th Ave., Sioux City 1, Iowa.

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AND A COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL - Latrobe, Pennsylvania offers medals celebrating that city's centennial for 50¢ each plus 3¢ postage per medal. They may be bought from Carl D. Beltz, Greater Latrobe Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 26, Latrobe, Penna.

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OUR ROSTER OF MEMBERS is out, and no doubt you have your copy by now. If there are any errors - and there probably are - please tell us so we can correct them next time.

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We know we made at least one; Bob "Flournoy" in the alphabetical list, and "Fluornoy" in the geographical. But we guess Bob will forgive us; it is always interesting to him to see how many different ways people can spell his name.

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You will note that Al Chalfant lives on Ward Road; this street is not named after the Hermit of Skunk Hollow.

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We are proud of having a member in England, but that ain't Harry Davidson despite his address on the Mall. Our only genuine English member is Spink and Son, Ltd.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 13 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Please note the changed date to miss the holiday. Third and final reading of our proposed new constitution and by-laws.

OUR LAST MEETING was "trading night"; not as many of us brought trading material as we had anticipated, but those who did carried on a brisk business. Francis Jones especially outdid himself; he brought enough coins to stock a dealer.

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However, maybe it was somewhat exaggerated when Lew Ramosh referred to the trading tables as the "Thieves' Market".

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow was disappointed again. He offered to trade a complete set of Lincoln cents, in the finest condition, for a half set of the Roman Emperor Trajan's Republican restorations - even beat-up specimens.

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Of course the Hermit doesn't own a set of Lincoln cents; but on a deal like that he sure could get one in a hurry.

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Phyllis Lowthian expected to do right well for herself. She brought a basket which no doubt she expected to fill with coins.

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There were two items of entertainment. First Doc Bruce Wallace showed colored slides of our exhibits at the San Diego County Fair, and for good measure, views of his recent trip to Ensenada, Mexico.

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Unfortunately Doc's picture of Jim Andersen's flag was on a double exposure, with another picture super-

imposed. Of course Doc saves film by taking two pictures on the same one; but we can't help thinking that this is carrying economy a little too far.

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Frenchy Vigneault also showed photographs of the displays which he took.

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The other entertainment item was a fine talk by Clive Foss on Roman Imperial coins. He began by describing the coinage system of Augustus, and then traced the developments and changes to Diocletian. He also explained the successive debasements of the coins, and the reform attempts of Aurelian and Diocletian, with a brief discussion of the latter Emperor's price control policy. We are not going to say more about Clive's talk here, as he has promised to give us the transcript which we will print in full in the near future.

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American Numismatic Association certificates of participation in National Coin Week were presented to each member who exhibited or spoke during that period.

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Through an error, a certificate was presented to a member who did not make a display: Anna Panosh. But we can guess why this was done. It was to enable Lew Panosh to keep his certificate; if Anna hadn't got one, probably she would have taken Lew's away from him.

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OUR PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS will have their final reading September 13. They were read at one meeting, and the changes suggested by the board of governors at another; so if they pass at the next meeting, they will be in force. So be sure you come to that meeting to see if they meet with your approval.

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Ivah Vigneault prepared the lunch at our last meeting. We don't know what that green liquid was that she served (creme de menthe? Chartreuse?), but anyway it

seemed to be liked.

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For some reason people seemed to be nervous during the meeting; at any rate, every once in a while coins fell on the floor - more than we ever saw dropped before. But you can't blame it on Ivah's green punch, as all of these fumbles happened before she served it.

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The height of something-or-other was Mattie Knickerbocker asking for an "ice man" to cut ice for the drinks. Can she have forgotten that our only genuine iceman is Irving? Or are the Knickerbockers trying to live down their plebian past?

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Long ago we told you how Irving Knickerbocker made his money in the ice business. At that, it seems kind of a risky business; you would think that an ice fortune would be likely to melt away.

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And of course when Irving sees coins he wants, some of it actually does melt away.

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Mary Bowler accused Sam Chamberlain of passing her without noticing her. This is unjust to Sam. He wasn't snubbing her; he was just walking in his sleep.

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WATERFRONT NEWS - Although Lt. Walter Luttmer was on leave, he came to the meeting wearing a yachting cap. So you can see he was on a typical sailor's holiday.

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When he first walked in, we thought he was the third mate of a windjammer.

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Due to the trading program, there were only a couple of displays at our last meeting, aside from the Roman coins Clive Foss used to illustrate his talk. Doc Bruce Wallace showed Roman Imperial bronzes, and Frenchy Vigneault showed Canadian bronze and silver.

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We are pleased to report that Mildred Fischer is getting along fine. She went home after only a few days

in hospital, and expects to be able to be up and around in a couple more weeks. We will be glad to see her back at meetings again.

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

OSBURN, Ernest J. 915 South Main St., Fallbrook

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This makes three members in Fallbrook. If the same proportion of the population of the city of San Diego joined the S.D.N.S. as our present proportion of the city (?) of Fallbrook, we sure would have a large society.

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Ernie Osburn should have joined before we printed our membership roster. At that time we had no one whose name begins with "O".

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THE SCHOOLBOY - Atwood MacDonald is taking a course in - of all things - public speaking. After operating a hotel for years, he at last is learning how to argue with the guests.

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This is likely to be tough on Gene Johnston, who is a permanent guest in Atwood's New Palace Hotel. For instance, if Gene complains that his room is too cold, Atwood will be eloquent enough to persuade him that it is all for his own good.

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"ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE" - Courtney Coffing, who has been in and out of the Marine Corps ever since we knew him, has been in again. He spent two weeks in the San Diego Marine Corps Base taking the annual training he has to have as a reservist. For the benefit of our English member, Spink and Son, Ltd., we might explain that Courtney is what they call a "Saturday night soldier" over there; he drills one night a week, and two weeks a year.

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We are very sorry that Courtney's two weeks here did not coincide with one of our meeting dates. Just one more inconvenience of the service.

COINAGE DURING APRIL, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$1,183,907.50	951,700.00	5,056,790.00
Quarters	2,034,953.75	310,000.00	261,000.00
Dimes	1,180,181.50		1,409,000.00
Nickels	358,590.00	194,800.00	1,203,200.00
Cents	118.00		65,500.00

COINAGE DURING MAY, 1954

Half dollars	2,636,810.50		
Quarters	6,905.25	102,000.00	1,970,000.00
Dimes	2,762.10		1,056,700.00
Nickels	305,580.00		147,333.00
Cents	19,826.00		8,000.00

Cumulative, January to May, 1954 (pieces):

Half dollars	11,940,363	4,993,400	25,445,580
Commemorative half dollars	12,006	12,006	12,006
Quarters	54,314,363	1,648,000	24,692,000
Dimes	61,932,363	19,370,000	133,338,612
Nickels	30,042,300	13,416,000	39,251,060
Cents	17,847,300	14,905,000	70,040.000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

The San Francisco mint also struck for Salvador:
April 3,850,000 silver 25-centavos and 1,300,000 silver 50-centavos.
May 10,150,000 silver 25-centavos and 1,700,000 silver 50-centavos.

Irving Knickerbocker is a brave man. Last meeting night he parked Cadillac No. 3 squarely in a loading zone. And that brown-yellow car is just about as inconspicuous as a red, white, and blue elephant.

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Oh well, it wouldn't be the first time that Irving has attracted the attention of the constabulary.

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"PENNIES-FROM-HEAVEN" DEPT. - Too bad that our Albert C. Eddy ain't Arthur C. Eddy. Because that Eddy

expects to get $1,200,000, and we might figure out some way to get some of it from him. County Assessor Arthur C. Eddy announces that Congress plans to give this money to San Diego County in lieu of taxes on Federal property.

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Maybe it would be a good idea for Al Eddy to change his name to Arthur.

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Speaking of money - which we so often do - Clarence Heard writes in the Escondido Free Press regarding letters received by U.S. Treasurer Ivy Barker Priest: "A lot of the writers want to revamp the nation's currency by making square bills, round bills, or colored bills. Personally, we're not so worried about the shape or the color as about the quantity. Some people think our bills should be fancier, some think they ought to be plainer. A lot of deep thinkers have suggested printing the long green on one side and using the other side for advertising. It sure would be the most popular advertising in the world".

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following programs:

September 17 at the home of Dr. Charles Harbeck, 5401 8th Ave., Los Angeles. "Gods of Rome".

October 15 at the home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles.

November 19 at the home of Capt. Nick Jamgochian, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale.

December 17 at the home of Earle K. Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.

At the July meeting Bill Koonce spoke on Australian numismatics; but before doing so, he gave a good talk on ancient Syrian kings and their coins. He said that he did this because it was the last chance Earle Stanton had to hear anything about ancient coins before leaving for Europe. Bill illustrated his Syrian talk with a fine showing of Syrian coins, chiefly tetradrachms; and his Australian remarks with a large exhibit of Australian specimens. These included more

different Australian coins than we knew existed, among them many sovereigns; also tokens and some unusual pieces as the H.M.S. "Sydney" medal made from a Mexican peso.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow was wrong again - as usual. The program was announced as "The Coinage of the Last Continent"; the Hermit thought it was "LOST Continent", and so expected to hear about coins of Atlantis.

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Every month we announce the coming meetings of the Classical Collectors; we will be glad to do the same for any coin clubs in this area (as we said before) if their secretaries will notify us by the 10th of the month before the month in which the events will fall. For instance, if you want an October event announced, we would have to know it by September 10.

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Which reminds us that the Convair Coin Club will end its summer vacation and resume meetings beginning September 7 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego.

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A ROYAL NUMISMATIC COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS - We learn from the "Numismatic Circular" of Spink and Son, Ltd., London that the Royal Numismatic Society will conduct annual essay contests for young collectors during the next 15 years. As the closing date of the first one is August 31, out juniors do not have time for this, but might want to enter future ones.

The contest calls for original articles of 5000 words or less, on any numismatic subject. Papers are to be sent to Mr. P. D. Whitting, G. M., 9 Rivercourt Road, London, W. 6, England. The age limit for entrants is 23. Each winner will be awarded an inscribed bronze medal known as the Dr. F. Parkes Weber Prize, and 10 guineas ($29.91) in cash.

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We are sorry that our own age bars us from entry; because if we won, we would specify that out 10 guineas should be the spade variety.

FINANCIAL SECTION - The S.D.N.S. ordered a bunch of current proof coins as an investment, and this, like so many of our financial ventures, gives Treasurer Paul Boltz a headache. He pointed out that the expenditure was deducted from our account; but the coins are still an asset - although the price of them is gone. He has to alter his books accordingly.

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Maybe Paul could handle it the same way his bank does when it takes back your car for not meeting payments; the bank is out the cash, but has the car.

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While we are on the subject of financial questions, you will recall that some time ago we said that when Clive Foss worked for Doc Bruce Wallace, Doc paid him in Roman coins. Therefore we asked Doc how he keeps his Social Security records on such salary payments. He said he clipped a small piece out of each coin he paid Clive, and mailed them in to the Social Security Board.

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COMMUNITY PROPERTY DEPT. - Olav Berghli explains that the reason he had two cigarettes in his face at once was that he was lighting one for his wife, Ruth. So what the Berghli family really needs, it seems, is one of those Turkish hookahs with two stems.

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With all the interest in bottles on the part of our gals, Gail Walrath and Anna Panosh, we don't see why Louie Walrath doesn't make some for them out of tin at his sheet metal plant. They wouldn't bust so easily.

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Then too, Louie ought to be able to make a "tin woodman" like the one in the "Wizard of Oz". We could use it for a Bulletin editor.

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That should be an ideal position for a robot without brains.

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It is strange that Horace ("Ace") Newman doesn't col-

lect Roman coins. You would naturally think that anyone named Horace would.

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Maybe we should have Horace give us a talk some night. He could tell us how he threw away his spear and scrammed at the Battle of Philippi.

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Of course we know why Frenchy Vigneault won't collect Roman coins. He is sore at the Romans because Julius Caesar conquered his ancestors.

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But Ed Memel shouldn't have any such scruples. After all, his ancestors beat Quintillus Varus.

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Although Ed wasn't present at the time.

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And we know why Emil Johnson doesn't collect English coins. When the Viking raids on England were stopped, his family couldn't get any more English money.

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Lew and Anna Panosh are leaving for the American Numismatic Association convention. As far as we know, they will be our only representatives there - unless Frank and Irene Hernandez back-track to the convention.

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If you read this Bulletin and you are not a member of the San Diego Numismatic Society, we invite you to attend any of our meetings. We have all the features of an active numismatic organization - coin talks, exhibits, auctions, two regular dinner parties each year, and various other events. You are welcome at all of them.

Then too, we invite you to become a member. Our dues are moderate, $2.00 per year (or $1.00 for the balance of the year if you join after July 1); junior members are $1.00 per year.

If you become a member you will receive this Bulletin regularly each month - although we are not quite certain if that is an inducement or not.

Anyway, you don't have to read it.

Then there Englishmen are hard to convince. We mailed Spink and Son, Ltd. a copy of the "Calcoin News" containing a description of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, and now Donald Crowther questions the article's accuracy.

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Maybe it would be more convincing if the photo of the Hermit showed him wearing a coon-skin cap.

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Or a skunk-skin cap.

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Anyway Earle Stanton now is on his way to Europe and when he gets to London Donald can ask Earle, who will be glad to explain just how much of a barbarian the Hermit is.

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LEGAL NEWS - Speaking of Earle Stanton, a couple of months ago we called him a pack rat, because he carried so much antique stuff back from Europe. Now Earle threatens to sue us for slander, so we are quite willing to apologize. Therefore if some one will kindly bring us a pack rat, we will be glad to apologize to it.

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Clive Foss suggests that a future S.S.N.A. convention be held in Hollywood, with Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker in charge. He discovered the Hotel Knickerbocker there.

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ENTERTAINMENT SUGGESTION: A free dinner for us all at Sid Kaufman's expense to celebrate the re-opening of his remodelled restaurant.

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Or how about a billiard tournament at George Worthington's place?

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Perhaps the reason that Abe Beck missed the last few meetings is lack of time. Since he retired he has so much time on his hands that he can't find time to do anything.

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Visitors always welcome

There have been several things which were suggested at past meetings and which subsequently dropped out of sight; do we want to disinter any of the following and do anything about them?
(1) The idea of getting a badge with each member's name to be worn at meetings.
(2) The suggestion that some kind of prize be given for displays at regular meetings.
(3) The proposal that we get quotations on coin cases for exhibits.

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The Japanese have the reputation of being good imitators; and now we read in the San Diego Union that 10 men were arrested in Tokyo charged with making 600 counterfeit $50 and $100 bills.

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Do you suppose it would be legal, if they marked each bill "Made in Japan"?

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Now a final reminder that our next meeting will be on September 13; NOT the 6th. And this meeting will be the last one for debating our proposed constitution and by-laws.

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Now you will be pleased to see that we have once more come to -

THE END

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 4 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

THE ROMAN IMPERIAL COINAGE, B.C. 23 to 284 A.D.

By Clive F. Foss

When Augustus became Emperor of Rome in 27 B.C., he made several badly needed reforms, among which was one which dealt with the coinage. This was a good thing, because the coinage at the end of the Republic had become quite confused, and the only coin being issued regularly was the silver denarius.

Augustus reorganized the coinage and issued it in the following denominations:

GOLD	Denarius Aureus of 25 Silver Denarii
	Quinatius Aureus of $12\frac{1}{2}$ Silver Denarii
SILVER	Denarius of 16 Asses
	Quinarius of 8 Asses
BRASS	Sestertius of 4 Asses
	Dupondius of 2 Asses
COPPER	As (plural, Asses) of 4 Quadrantes
	Semis of 2 Quadrantes
	Quadrans of $\frac{1}{4}$ As

This system was used, with a few minor changes, until about 260 or 270 A.D.

These coins were first issued in 23 B.C., at the Senatorial Mint in Rome. Augustus first allowed this mint to strike all the coinage; gold, silver, and bronze. However, about 12 B.C. this was changed, and the Emperor reserved to himself the right to strike the gold and silver coins, which he did at the new mint of Lugdunum in Gaul (Lyons, France). From then on, the Senate coined only the copper and bronze at its mint in Rome. Later, under Caligula (37-41 A.D.), the Imperial Mint was moved to Rome, and for the next two centuries these mints issued the greater part of the coinage for the whole Empire.

Under the Emperor Nero (54-68 A.D.) some changes were made in the coinage. The copper coins (as, semis, and quadrans) were also struck in brass. It may have been Nero's intention to discontinue the copper coinage altogether, but this is not certain. These reforms, however, did not outlast his reign. He also lowered the weights of the gold and silver coins, and reduced the fineness of the silver. This process was continued by the later Emperors, who often were short of money. Finally, under the Emperor Caracalla (211-217 A.D.), the denarius was only about 40% silver.

During this period from Nero to Caracalla some of the most beautiful of the Roman coins were issued. These were the large bronze coins, the sestertii. They are remarkable for their large size, which permitted better art work; for the high relief and precision of the designs; and for their great variety of interesting types.

The reverse types were often used for political propaganda, and to commemorate various events. The Emperors felt a constant need to make sure that their subjects were aware of Imperial achievements and Imperial policies, and to do this - since they had no radio, television, nor newspapers - they issued a large variety of coin types favorable to their administrations. Typical among these were those showing figures representing such things as Peace, Abundance, Security, Happiness, Victory, etc. Also, types were issued showing Emperors distributing gifts, addressing the troops, helping various provinces, etc. The inscriptions on these coins often proclaimed the Virtue of the Emperor, the Generosity of the Emperor, the Piety of the Emperor, the Happiness of the Times, and the Public Liberty. Most, if not all, of these often were non-existent or negligible. Frequently the reverse type would be the picture of a god, and a long list of the Emperor's titles. Thus these various types told the inhabitants of the Empire what the Emperors wanted to have thought of themselves, their policies, and their administrations.

(To be continued)

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Riverside, California, October 7-10:

PLACE - Mission Inn, Riverside. The best route from San Diego to Riverside is straight north on Highway 395.

SPONSORING CLUB - The Orange County Coin Club.

COMMITTEES -

General Chairman: Herbert M. Bergen, Fullerton
Vice Chairman: Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea
Finance: T. Kirk Hill, La Verne
Registration: John Haldiman, Jr., Artesia
Program: J. Howard Robinson, Whittier
Entertainment: Harry L. Hanson, Santa Ana
Exhibits: Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Ontario
Bourse: Harry S. Davidson, Los Angeles
Publicity: Frank Hall, Brea
Security: Stewart Bingham, Arcadia
Awards: To be appointed by Dr. Nathan A. Bowers, President

REGISTRATION - Commences 10:00 A.M., October 7 in the Presidential Room. Charge $7.50, which includes banquet and luncheon. Does not include the Ladies' luncheon October 8.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM -

October 7: Registration starts 10:00 A.M. and continues through October 10; 11:00 A.M., tables for exhibits and bourse ready; 8:00 P.M., Convention Committee meeting.

October 8: 8:00 A.M., breakfast meeting of C.S.N.A. officers; 10:00 A.M., tour of Mission Inn and educational tour of exhibits; 12:30 P.M., ladies' fashion show and luncheon in Court Garden; 2:00 P.M., auction in El Oro Room in charge of Leo Young; 2:00 P.M., ladies' card party; 8:00 P.M., numismatic forum and panel discussion.

October 9: 8:00 A.M., breakfast meeting of coin club officers; 10:00 A.M., tour of Mission Inn and to other points of interest in the area; 1:00 P.M., aquatic show in Courtyard swimming pool; 2:00 P.M., auction in El Oro Room; 2:00 P.M., educational tour of exhibits; 7:00 P.M., banquet in Galeria

Room, followed by exhibit awards.
October 10: 9:00 A.M., tour to Mt. Roubidoux, scene of first outdoor Easter Sunrise Services; 11:00 A.M., church services; 2:30 P.M., luncheon and prize awards; 2:00 P.M., adjournment.

NUMISMATIC FORUM - In charge of Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, with the following speakers:
V. Leon Belt, Phoenix, Arizona
Leonel C. Panosh, San Diego, Calif.
Ralph A. Mitchell, Palo Alto, Calif.
Charles L. Ruby, Fullerton, Calif.

ENTERTAINMENT - See under TENTATIVE PROGRAM above. Additional entertainment features are under consideration.

EXHIBITS - Display cases are available at a charge of 50¢ per case. Entry blanks are being mailed to all C.S.N.A. members. Non-members wishing to exhibit should get in touch with Dr. Emmons.

BOURSE - Tables for dealers are available at $15.00 per table. Make reservations with Bourse Chairman Harry S. Davidson, 2960 The Mall, Los Angeles 23.

HOTEL RATES - Single rooms $6 - $8; double rooms $10 - $12.

POLICE PROTECTION - The Chief of Police of the City of Riverside will supply 24-hour protection for display and bourse tables.

PUBLICITY - Advance publicity is being promoted under the direction of the Publicity Chairman, a professional and experienced newspaper man.

There's the story, fellers and gals; now all you have to do is to pack up your coins, medals, tokens or whatever you collect, and take 'em to Riverside to exhibit - and have yourself a fine four days of numismatic entertainment. The Orange County Coin Club, the host, is one of the strongest and livest of local coin clubs, and we know they will put on a good show. As remarked before, each convention seems to surpass previous ones in some feature; let's see how Orange County will lead. The members have been working hard, and we are confident of fine results. Let's all go.

LIEUTENANT WALTER LUTTNER was the speaker at our last meeting, his subject being "Iceland". He gave us many unusual and interesting facts about that island, with a general description and a brief outline of its history. Walter's talk was based on his own experiences and observations in Iceland. He stated that it had the "most unusual weather exclusive of California", and said he was especially impressed by the violent winds that sometimes occur with little or no warning. He told of one case in which the morning was fine; at noon a wind blew 105 miles an hour, doing much damage including the wrecking of several ships; Walter's own ship was moored with double 8-inch cables, and they snapped like cotton string. And by mid-afternoon the weather was fine again.

He told of the island's industries - chiefly farming and fishing - and said that with the continuous sunshine in the summer the grass grew so rapidly that the Icelanders could harvest a crop about every two weeks. Which is "making hay while the sun shines".

Walter discussed the coinage, and explained the meanings of some of the inscriptions.

In concluding, he said that while in Iceland he witnessed an astronomical paradox: the sun rose once and set twice on the same day. On that day it set at 12:02 A.M., rose again at 12:30 A.M., and set for the second time at 11:58 P.M.

Walter's talk was fine, and very much appreciated.

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OUR NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS - In order to avoid cluttering up a whole meeting talking about these, we took the time to approve only the first few sections. We will take up the rest of them in parts at future meetings, starting October 4.

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Lew Panosh spoke briefly on the A.N.A. convention (full details will appear in the "Numismatist"), and said it was record-breaking in several respects. For instance, the registration was over 600. The displays were unusually fine, and the bourse large, with 56 dealers participating. Moreover the bourse did a

large business. The only unfortunate event was a robbery; Jacques Dubois lost a case containing about $12,000 worth of gold coins from his hotel room at the hands of a sneak thief. The coins were only partly insured.

The only important innovation was that in future the A.N.A. officers will be elected for two year terms. In the past practically all of them have served for at least two years anyway, and it was realized that this would save the association about $1,000 every second year, that being the cost of conducting an election. Lew also brought back our National Coin Week trophy, and said that the National Coin Week judges next year would be selected from the membership of the Chicago Coin Club, that club having won first place this year.

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Anna Panosh reported on the features provided for the ladies at the convention. She said the ladies' program was the best she ever saw; everything was well planned to give them the maximum in entertainment. All the ladies received corsages and gifts. The banquet was extremely fine, both in the food and the decorations. Part of the decorations consisted of 1800 long stem roses - which gives our florist, Jim Anderson, a mark to shoot at next S.D.N.S. dinner. There were 150 door prizes.

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When we said last month that Lew and Anna Panosh would be our only representatives at the convention, we were wrong: David Spink also was there. He sat at Lew's table during the banquet - and Lew produced a photograph to proove it. Well, that's the way it should be; us S.D.N.S. members should stick together.

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Some familiar faces will be missing at the Riverside C.S.N.A. convention; the Wallaces and the Chamberlains. The whole bunch of 'em - Doc Bruce and Elise and Sam and Mae - leave on October 4 for Lansing, Michigan, where Sam will take delivery of a new Oldsmobile. They then will visit Doc's uncle and aunt in Michigan whom he hasn't seen since he was seven years old. They next

will move on to Pennsylvania to visit Sam's relatives; then to Tennessee to visit Elise's; then back home via New Orleans and the Gulf states.

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And by the time Sam does all that driving, his new car will be an old one.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

DECKER, Douglas E.	2837 K Ave., National City
DERNBACH, Frank	8951 Noisan Way, La Mesa
McANENR, Z. H.	221 North Pasadena St., Fallbrook

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Lyle Gordon: Chinese, Japanese, and Korean coins, mostly the large and odd shaped pieces

Gene Johnston: 2 uncirculated gold pieces; the rare 1795 $10, and the very rare 1795 $5. Gene reports that both of these have been much commented upon.

Lew Panosh: A.N.A. convention material and souvenirs - medals, badges, replica of the 1st dated coin; wooden "nickels" and some unusual pieces for his odd and curious money collection

Anna Panosh: A.N.A. convention literature and souvenirs; medals

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Among Lew Panosh's unusual pieces was a Siamese coin made of a doubled up piece of wire. Until he explained what it was, we thought it was a prehistoric Bobby pin.

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Or maybe an ancient cotter pin.

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ROBBERIES - Some of our members have been the victims of thieves lately. In broad daylight, on a fairly well travelled San Diego street, Mary Bowler's purse was snatched by three young hoodlums. A man passing by tried to aid her, but was too far away; however he was close enough to get fairly good descriptions for

the police. As it happened, Mary had very little money in the purse, but she did have a lot of photos, letters, clippings, etc., which she hated to lose.

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And while Doc Bruce and Elise Wallace were away, thieves broke into and ransacked their home. They opened all drawers and cabinets, evidently looking for Doc's coins. As Doc doesn't keep them at home, it is pleasant to know that they were disappointed. The only thing they got was a "piggy bank" containing about $15.

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The S.D.N.S. now has another holder of the Heath Literary Award, in addition to Doc Ray Wilson. Tom Ward won one for 1953.

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Mary Bowler was concerned because her daughter, Marion, is in Kyushu, Japan, the scene of the recent typhoon. We all sincerely hope that by this time she has received reassuring news.

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The big San Diego vs Hollywood ball game was on the night of our last meeting, but it didn't seem to reduce the attendance. Francis Jones brought a radio so the most enthusiastic fans could sneak an occasional report on the score. (San Diego won)

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Our kitchen crew at the last meeting were Gail Walrath, Minnie MacDonald, and George Van Hogan. Thanks, gals and George.

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At that, George should be a good advertisement for any kitchen, because he is such a big feller.

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Which suggests something else: if we ever want to appoint a sergeant at arms, either George Van Hogan or John Yriarne have the best builds for the job.

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Or if we ever want to start a S.D.N.S. football team, we would pick them first.

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LIVE STOCK REPORT - Some time ago we told you how

Louie Walrath's prize Minorca rooster mangled Gail's foot - and at that time we predicted that the bird would end up on the table. While we haven't the exact details, the rooster now is no more.

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It must have made quite an expensive dinner.

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And Louie probably felt like a cannibal when he was eating it.

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"ANCHORS AWAY!" - Lester Peich is at sea once more, and his new address is: Lester Peich, C.Q.M., U.S.S. "Osborn", DD-846, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

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"Bon voyage, Lester". Or maybe it ain't correct to say "bon voyage to Navy sailors.

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It's kind of funny; as soon as our new member, Ernie Osburn joins the S.D.N.S., Lester takes off in a ship of that name. Well, almost that name.

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MORE ADDRESS CHANGES - Mark and Phyllis Lowthian are moving to a new home they bought at 10731 Louisa Drive, La Mesa. So far they have said nothing about a house warming party.

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Courtney Coffing has moved to 4300 Amherst St., Dallas, Texas.
Ed Memel has moved to 3709 Swift Ave., San Diego.

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Louisiana must be getting to be an unpopular address. At the same time that Courtney moved from Louisiana, Ed moved off Louisiana Street.

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OUR WANDERERS - Frank Hernandez writes from Roanoke, Virginia that he and Irene expect to be back about November 3 - and we'll be glad to see them again. But he writes so lyrically about the beauties of the Blue Ridge Mountains, that we are somewhat uneasy that he might not be able to tear himself away. Maybe Frank,

like the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, is just a Hill Billy at heart.

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We wonder if Frank had to buy a new trunk on the trip to carry back all the crowns he bought.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS meetings for the balance of 1954:

October 15 - home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles

November 19 - home of Capt. Nick Jamgochian, 1340 Rossmoyne Ave., Glendale

December 17 - home of Earle Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles

At the September meeting Dr. Gleason Archer gave an unusually informative talk on the theology behind Greek coin types. He began by explaining the attitude of the Greeks toward their gods, and the supposed relations of gods to men. He pointed out how animals appeared on coins before human or divine portraits, and that the animals themselves had religious significance; and as an aside, explained how animals were associated with Egyptian gods to the extent that the gods came to be visualized as in animal form. He showed how eventually portraits of gods appeared on coins, which finally led to the human portrait. The doctor touched briefly on the philosophy of the ancient world in its Greek and Egyptian aspects, and the contrast between the two. He exhibited several Greek religious statuettes, both genuine and reproductions, and said that one of them, an archaic Corinthian Minerva, was wanted as a museum piece; he also exhibited Greek coins, to which some pieces were added by Dr. Charles Harbeck and Bill Koonce. An interesting informal discussion of ancient religions followed.

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"RELIGION AND COINAGE" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Charles Harbeck at the Los Angeles Coin Club, 1329 South Hope St., Los Angeles, October 1. There also will be an auction, door prized, bourse, and refreshments.

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THE CONVAIR COIN CLUB has ended its summer vacation, and meetings will be held again the first Tuesday of each month at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego.

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LEGAL SECTION - Anna Panosh says that our Philadelphia lawyer, Col. Joe Moss says (and we'll bet that Colonel Joe will spot that as hearsay evidence) that when this here Bulletin arrives, he drops everything to read it. So we visualize Colonel Joe some day telling a judge: "Your Honor, I request a recess. A Bulletin has just arrived, and I am not prepared to go on with this case until after I read it".

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Doc Charles Harbeck has just been awarded the silver medal of the American Numismatic Association for 25 years of membership. Congratulations, Doc.

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PHILOLOGICAL DEPT. - Olav Berghli, who speaks several languages, says that English was the most difficult for him to learn. And he adds that if what we print in this here Bulletin is English, he doesn't know it yet.

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For a long time we have intended to ask: would it be correct to refer to Thelma Case as a "coin Case"?

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If you want to argue about anything in this here Bulletin, look us up at the Riverside convention.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 1 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C. St., San Diego, Calif.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - As has been the case with all conventions of this organization, this was another good one. And the location - the Mission Inn at Riverside - was an extremely fine place to have it. This hotel, if you are not familiar with it, is hardly like a hotel at all; it is more like a cross between a Spanish palace, Westminster Abbey, and a museum. Not only is it of a remarkable style of architecture, but it is full of antiques of all kinds.

For the exhibits and bourse, we were given the Galeria. This is a long room making possible the arranging of the displays in one long row of double tables, with the dealers along the walls. The room was decorated with many fine works of art - paintings, statues, and (appropriately) old Spanish treasure chests. As one of the latter was by Leo Young's table, we thought it was to hold his coins. Right over Ed Gans' table was a picture of an old peasant with whiskers - but that wasn't supposed to be Ed. Nor was the old feller in the chair over Gene Johnston supposed to be Gene.

The displays - described beyond - were unusually good, some outstanding pieces being shown. Our descriptions of the exhibits are inadequate, and represent only the barest outlines of them. It would take pages to give real descriptions of, for instance, the remarkable displays of unusual money by Doc Glen Curtis and John Haldiman, Jr.; the beautiful ancient Greeks of Earl Brown; the patterns and large cents of Charles Ruby; the orders and medals of Anna Panosh and Gene De Nise; and many others. Our own Atwood MacDonald made an unusually complete display of types of transportation tokens, and used a series bearing different letters and numbers to spell out in full: CALIFORNIA STATE

NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SEMI ANNUAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 7 8 9 10 THE MISSION INN RIVERSIDE. Atwood said he was nearly licked in locating a token showing the figure "7".

While we do not have final figures on the registration, we know it was 230 - and a few more may have been added later. There also were the usual casual visitors, including parties of school children escorted by teachers.

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THE NUMISMATIC FORUM presented four very fine speakers, as follows:

Lew Ponesh on "Money and Chivalry". This dealt with the history and coinage of the Knights Hospitallers at their various stations - Cyprus, Crete, Rhodes, and Malta - chiefly at the last. In illustration he showed some of his fine collection of Malta coins.

Don Sherer on "Common Cents". He gave numerous examples of things to be learned from a study of the common Lincoln cent; history, economics, art, die work, the analysis of the inscriptions, etc. He also said that in some respects a worn coin is to be preferred over an uncirculated one, on the ground that it actually has done duty as a coin, while an uncirculated specimen has not.

Charles Ruby on "Large Cents". This referred particularly to the 1793 issue of which the speaker owns - and exhibited - many minor types including some outstanding rarities. He also advanced the theory that the rarity of the 1799 issue may have been due to the melting down of numerous defective pieces.

Ralph Mitchell didn't give a title to his talk, but it consisted of advice to collectors to overhaul their duplicates and accumulations occasionally. He reported on an overhaul of his own, and listed a remarkable amount of fine material he had lost sight of. Some were coins he knew he had bought, but lost sight of. He even found some Becker counterfeits.

The speakers were introduced by Doc Glen Curtis, who made a few remarks about the advantages of collecting from a medical point of view.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS

BOLENDER, M. H.: U.S. patterns; essays and proofs of international currency, all from the Farouk collection

BROWN, Earl C.: Series of ancient Greek coins, showing examples of all types and all periods

BURKE, Bryan, Jr.: "History and People" - coins illustrating historical events and distinguished people, with many supplementary pictures

CAREY, Michael P.: "Emperors of Rome" - bronze portrait coins of Emperors from Augustus to Arcadius

COLE, Clifton C.: U.S. Commemorative coins in gold and silver

COLVER, Charles C.: U.S. proofs; U.S. gold in all denominations; Canadian and Mexican gold

CURTIS, Dr. Glen C.: Greek, Roman, and Byzantine silver and gold; Roman Aes Grave (large cast bronzes); ancient Chinese paper money; Swedish plate money; U.S. dollars; odd and curious media of exchange

DAVIDSON, Harry S.: U.S. gold type set

De NISE, Mrs. Gene: Foreign orders and decorations, especially those of Portugal and Brazil, but including many other countries as well; 20 varieties of the Coventry Lady Godiva token

EASTMAN, D. M.: Greek and Roman silver and bronze, accompanied by explanations relating them to history and economics

HALDIMAN, John C., Jr.: A great variety of odd and curious money in various materials and shapes, including many specimens of Indian wampum

HILL, Roy: Coins of Hawaii, Ceylon, Malaya, Greenland, and Finland; encased postage stamps; Latvian stamps printed on the backs of unused paper money; wooden "nickels"

HILL, T. Kirk: U.S. commemorative gold; gold $3 pieces 1854-1889

KAGIN, Paul: Large series of rare silver bars; gold bars including the unique Blake and Agnell $23; territorial bank notes and Nevada silver ingot notes; Oakland Gold Bank $10 note; Federal Reserve note with $2 on obverse and $1 on reverse; McKinley dollars in nickel; Panama-Pacific dollars in white metal

MacDONALD, Atwood: U.S. commemorative gold; uncut sheets of $1, $5, and $10 silver certificates; large series of types of transportation tokens in various styles, shapes, designs, and materials

NIELSEN, Thomas W.: Type set of U.S. gold

OHLS, John E.: Commemorative crowns of the 20th century; proof crowns; display illustrating the debasement of silver coins

PANOSH, Anna Merle: Foreign orders and decorations, chiefly European and Asiatic; U.S. military medals including a Congressional Medal of Honor

RUBY, Charles L.: Large cents including many rarities, among them the excessively rare 1793 Crosby 9I and one of the finest known specimens of 1793 8F; Barber and Mercury dimes; Liberty nickels

SAAR, F. K.: Private and pioneer gold including the unique Kellogg $50 proof; U.S. patterns including the 1879 5-Stella in both gold and copper; commemorative silver and gold; large paper money

SHELDON, M. Vernon: Maundy purse of King George VI in his 55th year, with the 28 coins it contained

STOPPELWORTH, John: Continental currency and broken bank bills, including denominations of $1.25, $3, and $4; nickels; standing Liberty quarters

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Coins of Czechoslovakia

WARD, Thomas W.: "Historical Roman Coins" - coins of the early Roman Empire bearing historical references

WERLING, Erich: Coins of Panama, including Spanish pieces used there prior to that country's independence

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AWARDS:

FIRST: Charles L. Ruby; Earl C. Brown; John E. Ohls; Bryan Burke, Jr.; Gene De Nise; Atwood Mac Donald

SECOND: Harry S. Davidson; Thomas W. Ward; Erich Werling; Milton C. Strauch; Charles L. Ruby; Anna Merle Panosh; John C. Haldiman, Jr.

THIRD: Clifton C. Cole; Michael P. Carey; Gene De Nise; John Stoppelworth; Roy Hill

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The difficult and exacting job of judging the exhibits was undertaken by Ken Allen, Doc Ray Wilson, and Fred Draper. And if you don't think it is a difficult and exacting job, try it yourself some time.

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"SAVED BY THE BELL" - Just as Ralph Mitchell began speaking at the numismatic forum, the bells immediately outside of the window started beating out the 9:00 P.M. tune, with the result that Ralph was shut up most effectively. He couldn't get started again until the chimes quit. Many of the audience remarked that the sound of the bells was the finest speech they ever heard Ralph make.

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The spring, 1955 convention will be held at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley; and the fall, 1955 one at SAN DIEGO. So beginning right now us S.D.N.S. fellers and gals are going to have to start humping ourselves to get ready. We gave the association a good convention in 1949, and we can do it again; but we will all have to work at it.

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An innovation at the convention - which we would like to see repeated - was the guiding of parties of children through to see the exhibits. One day a party of 75 was received, and next day one of 30. While his supply lasted, Irving Knickerbocker gave each child a piece

of foreign paper money; and that too is a good idea. Perhaps when we have the San Diego convention we might lay in a supply of cheap coins and give one to each child who comes with a party. Might start some new collectors that way.

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Another idea of which we approve was the placing of the award ribbons on winning exhibits as soon as they were judged. This gave people a chance to see who won what. In the past the distribution of ribbons was one of the last matters to be taken care of - just about the time the displays were being broken up for removal.

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THE S.D.N.S. REPRESENTATION AT THE CONVENTION:

Jim Andersen	Irving Knickerbocker
Olav Berghli	Mattie Knickerbocker
Ruth Berghli	Abe Kosoff
Doc Nathan Bowers	Ernest Lang
Karl Brainard	Kenneth Lee
Thelma Case	Charlie Leuschner
Al Conyne	Atwood MacDonald
Harry Davidson	Minnie MacDonald
Marie Devlin	Lew Panosh
Bill Ehlers	Anna Panosh
Doc Calvert Emmons	Earl Parker
Louie Fischer	Louie Walrath
Mildred Fischer	Gail Walrath
Clive Foss	Tom Ward
Roy Hill	Doc Ray Wilson
Gene Johnston	Florence Wilson
Francis Jones	John Yribarne
Sam Kabealo	

We hope we didn't overlook anyone; if so, bawl us out.

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Attendance at the banquet was 250. Everything was very good, with an excellent octette for entertainment; and a speaker who was one of the best we ever heard. If he had spoken for another hour it would have been all right with us - and how many after-dinner speakers can you say that about? He was Chester J.

Gruber whose professional name is "Poosh 'Em Tony Cabooch", and if you see him listed on a radio or television program, we recommend that you hear him.

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GHOST STORY - Ed Fish didn't look at all as pale and wan as we had expected, considering that he has moved from Fresno to Ghosttown, California.

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That means we have to be careful this Halloween. If we see any ghosts prowling around our place, we shall have to look closely before loosing off a shotgun at 'em. One of them might be Ed.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow found some fancy liquor bottles in the hotel's gift shop, and hastened to advise Anna Panosh of his discovery. With his usual tact, the Hermit introduced the subject with: "whenever I see an empty whisky bottle, I think of you".

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As is well known, this here Bulletin never publishes scandal. However we couldn't help noticing that Karl Brainard arrived (and registered!) with Thelma Case instead of with his wife, Grace.

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Speaking of Grace Brainard, we just learned that she is the daughter of a filibuster who had a narrow escape from being shot. Her pa was a member of Dr. Jameson's raiders who tried to take over the Transvaal before the Boer War, and was captured by the Boers. He afterwards fought them in the Boer War. He must have been really sore at them by that time.

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Life is full of disappointments. Erich Werling sat just inside of the hotel dining room so he could get out quick without paying - and the head waitress then closed the door.

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One would almost think she knew Erich.

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Earl Parker must be a good Democrat. He wore a shirt all covered with donkeys.

A SAN DIEGO BRIGHT LIGHT. We mean Atwood MacDonald, who wore a tie decorated with stars and other astronomical objects, all of which glowed in the dark. It must have been handy for him to use to find his way back home from the convention.

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Which leads us to remark that when Lew and Anna Panosh started driving home, they had to tuen back. They forgot their handkerchiefs, stockings, and sox. We suppose that what reminded them of the missing articles was their feet getting cold, and starting to sneeze.

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THE HONEYMOON AIN'T OVER. Anyway, for the Berghlis. Ten years ago when Olav and Ruth were first married, they stopped in the bridal suite of the Mission Inn; and every year since that they stopped again in the same room. Last year the room was occupied, and the management moved the guest out.

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Olav and Ruth each time mark the date in an obscure place on the wall of that room.

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Clive Foss didn't notice anything remarkable about his room until it was invaded by a group of sightseers with a guide who announced: "Theodore Roosevelt slept in this room".

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As for sleeping, Tom Ward stayed in the hotel an extra day. He thought he was entitled to at least one night's sleep there - and couldn't get it until the convention was over.

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Another Theodore Roosevelt story: while at the Inn, Roosevelt planted a tree, with the assistance of Mattie Knickerbocker. Mattie has a picture of him planting the tree, while she, as a little girl, stands beside him.

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So you see that even in those days you couldn't keep Mattie out of the limelight.

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A little healthy competition among coin dealers is fine; but we think maybe Ed Fish went a little too far when he put up a poster saying: WANTED! DEAD OR ALIVE. $5000 REWARD. HORSE THIEF EARL PARKER, ALIAS MOUSE EAR MIKE.

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And now we had better start in on S.D.N.S. stuff before we run out of space - -
Jim Andersen presided at our last meeting again in place of Frenchy Vigneault. Frenchy, we are sorry to say, hasn't been too well lately, and we hope he'll soon be O.K. and back with us again.

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The boat from San Francisco must have come in that night, because we had Earl Parker, and John and Mrs. Ohls. We put Earl at work on the auction, which would be a heck of a way to treat a distinguished guest; but Earl ain't one. He's only one more S.D.N.S. member.

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Atwood MacDonald was named chairman of the committee to arrange our installation night. Lt. Walter Luttmer was named as chairman of the nominating committee, with Olav Berghli and Louie Fischer as members.

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THE SPEAKER AT OUR LAST MEETING was Olav Berghli. He gave many interesting reminiscences of his collecting experience, starting when he was a boy in Norway in 1914. Kaiser Wilhelm II and Von Hindenburg were visiting the country, and the Kaiser gave Olav a 2-krone piece as a tip for opening a gate for them to go through. Olav still has the coin - which illustrates the saying, "hanging on to the first dollar you ever made". Looking back on the trouble those two characters caused us shortly afterwards, we regret that Olav didn't slam the gate on their necks.
After World War I, many foreign refugees came to Norway, and Olav acted as interpreter for many of them. Not having much money, they often paid him in postage stamps of their countries, which started him collecting stamps. He picked up a few coins from time to time, but started collecting seriously in 1929.

That was when Doc Bruce Wallace began dabbling as a dealer, and it was possible to buy 1856 Flying Eagle cents for $1, almost any Indian cent uncirculated for 10¢ or 15¢ each, and the 1877 cent proof for 75¢. Previous to that Olav had collected in a desultory fashion. In 1923 he was in Santo Domingo with the U.S. Marine Corps, and found a coin in a trench; another was given to him by the caretaker of Columbus' Castle. Olav exhibited many unusual die breaks and freaks - 1926 quarters with "bows" on Liberty's gown; 1928-S cents, nickels, and dimes with two distinct sizes of mint marks; the 1924-S cent with the "goiter" portrait; 1929 cent with small head and struck on a small blank; 1911 cent with a double rim; a 1918 cent overstruck on an Indian cent; and other distinctive specimens.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

MUSCHICE, Oscar R.	3360 - 32nd St., San Diego
MALONE, James J.	409 South Tremont St., Oceanside

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Karl Brainard to: 3856 McLaughlin Ave., Culver City.

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LEGAL DEPT. - Last month we suggested that Colonel Joe Moss might ask a judge to delay a trial while he read this here Bulletin, and we guess it happened. At any rate, we received the following telegram from him: RECEIVED THIS MORNING BULLETIN S D N S IMMEDIATELY REQUESTED AT TEN AM THE TRIAL JUDGE TO GRANT A CONTINUANCE FOR ONE DAY AS MY MIND WAS ENTIRELY ON THE BULLETIN AND HAVE TO READ SAME BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH CASE CONTINUANCE GRANTED

As we didn't want to get involved in any complicated Philadelphia legal tangles, we immediately wired back: EDITOR S D N S BULLETIN DISCLAIMS ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AND DELAY AND OR CONFUSION CAUSED BY LOCAL ATTORNEY INTRODUCING SAN DIEGO SCANDAL SHEET IN COURT STOP SUGGEST SAID ATTORNEY RISKS CONTEMPT CITATION BY INTRODUCTION OF SUCH DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT

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We are sorry to say that just as we were writing this we learned that Ernie Osburn had to make a sudden trip to [illegible] Vista to arrange the funeral of his sister in law, Mary Osburn, who died suddenly. This was in particularly sad circumstances for Ernie, as his mother also is very ill - in fact so ill that at first it was contemplated withholding the news of his wife's death from him.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting will be November 19 at the home of Capt. Nick Jamgochian, 1340 Rosemoyne Ave., Glendale; and the following one at the home of Earle Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles, December 17.

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Louis Walrath denies eating that rooster. He claims he merely sold it down the river.

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What was the matter with our displays at the last meeting? Aside from the coins shown by Olav Berghli for his talk, there was nothing but Tom Ward's Romans. We surely can do better than that.

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Due to having all this convention stuff this month, we didn't have room for the second installment of Clive Foss' article.

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If you don't like this issue, we will ask Marion Bowler to write the next one in Japanese.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 6 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif. Election of officers, followed by our annual Christmas party.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BANQUET: Saturday, January 22 at San Diego Women's Club, 2557 - 3rd Ave., San Diego, Calif.

OUR INSTALLATION - Atwood MacDonald reported on plans so far made for this outstanding event, which will be at the place and date given above. The dinner will cost $3, and it is proposed to serve prime ribs. Atwood emphasized the importance of coin, medal, etc. displays at the installation and dinner, and urged everyone to show something. Also, of course, dinner reservations should be made as early as possible; send them to Secretary Francis Jones. And it would be helpful if, at the same time, you advised him of the approximate amount of space needed for your display. In the drawing for door prizes, a new plan will be tried this time. The names of ticket buyers will be placed on the stubs to be drawn, so that if for any reason they cannot be present at the time of drawing, they will still have equal chances with everyone else. The members who are helping Atwood arrange things are: Jim Andersen who is supplying the flowers for decorations; Gene Johnston who will give the cigarettes as usual; Mattie Knickerbocker who will take care of setting and decorating the tables; Louie Fischer and Lt. Walter Luttmer will be the reception committee; Bill Bell and Lyle Gordon will take care of the exhibits and their lighting; and Francis Jones will, as stated above, handle the reservations and admission tickets.

For a speaker we will have Don Sherer of Phoenix, Arizona. The tentative title of his talk will be "National Coin Week". Don is National Coin week chair-

man for the A.N.A., and should be able to give us some valuable pointers - so next year maybe we can get first prize, instead of second as we did this one. So don't make any other arrangements which will interfere with your coming to this event - or you will be sorry you missed it.

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OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1955:

PRESIDENT: Francis Jones
VICE PRESIDENT: Lt. Walter Luttmer
RECORDING SECRETARY: Lyle Gordon
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Phyllis Lowthian
TREASURER: Paul Hamm
EXECUTIVE BOARD: Bill Bell
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Douglas Fischer

These nominations are not final; if you want to nominate anyone else for any office, do so at the December 6 meeting before elections.

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You will note that we are chopping the secretary in two. Well, not exactly physically, but we are separat- the job into two parts - we now have grown to the point where this is justified.

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OUR CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS had their final reading, and now are officially approved and in force.

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And before the ink is dry on them, we have to change 'em. This is in order to have two secretaries instead of one; and we will make this change at our next meeting.

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We were very glad to see Frenchy Vigneault well again and back on his job as president at the last meeting. Even if this did make Vice President Jim Andersen take a back seat.

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The idea of collecting whisky bottles seems to be spreading. The latest to fall for it is Gene Johnston, who just bought a collection of whisky miniatures.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Francis Jones: U.S. types, divided into five groups according to dates of issue, each section headed with a U.S. flag as it appeared at the time

Atwood MacDonald: His display of transportation tokens which won first prize at the Riverside convention

Low Panosh: A very large showing of Siamese porcelain tokens, of many styles and designs

Frenchy Vigneault: Broken bank bills; paper money of France and French colonies

Tom Ward: Earliest Roman silver coins

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The display of Francis Jones was one which he had used several times in giving talks to Boy Scouts.

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STYLE SECTION - We hereby warn Low Panosh that he had better lock his Siamese porcelain tokens up in a safe; or at any rate, hide them from Anna. For she plans to make an exotic dress, and use the tokens for buttons, topping off the ensemble with a pair of earrings also made from them.

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Which demonstrates one reason why the Hermit of Skunk Hollow remains a bachelor. Can you imagine his reactions if a wife proposed to use his Romans that way?

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And while we are discussing styles: last month we told you about Earl Parker's donkey-infested shirt; did you notice that Oscar Kuschke had a cap to match it? It also was decorated with donkeys.

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As the meeting was on the night before election day, maybe Oscar was just giving some last minute Democratic propaganda.

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We now have received the 50 proof sets we ordered as an investment.

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THE ROMAN IMPERIAL COINAGE, B.C. 23 to 284 A.D.

By Clive F. Foss

(Continued from September issue)

Under the Emperor Caracalla (211-217), as mentioned before, the denarius had only about 40% of silver. This Emperor also changed the coinage by adding a new denomination, the "antoninianus", a coin of the same metal as the denarius, but with the Emperor wearing a radiate crown, instead of a laurel wreath. This coin was equal, in weight, to 1½ denarii, but was tariffed at two.

By about 250 A.D., the antoninianus had driven the old denarius out of circulation (although there were a few small issues under later Emperors), and became the chief coin of the Empire.

Meanwhile the old bronze coins - the sestertius, dupondius, and as - were slowly falling out of use. However, the attempt of Caracalla to improve the silver coinage by issuing a more valuable piece was followed by the Emperor Trajan Decius (249-251 A.D.) in the bronze coinage. He issued a new coin, the "double sestertius", which was twice the size of the old bronze sestertius. However this did not continue, and was issued by only one other Emperor, Postumus, who ruled in Gaul 259-267. In fact, by about the time of Tacitus (275-276), all the old bronze coins had ceased to be issued.

The antoninianus itself, which had now become the main coin of the Empire, was steadily becoming more debased; that is, more copper or bronze was being mixed in with the silver. It got so bad that in the reign of Gallienus (254-268 A.D.), the antoninianus lost its standing as silver, and was accepted only for the value of the bronze in it. When this happened, of course the monetary system broke down. The Government would not even accept its own coins in payment for taxes, etc., but demanded to be paid in good gold or silver.

In the outlying provinces, the situation was not much better. In Gaul and Britain, for instance, there was a shortage of small change, and the current Roman coins were imitated in huge quantities by unofficial mints.

These are very frequently found in British hoards. Some are reasonably good copies; but most are extremely crude, and much smaller than the regular Roman coins. This class of coins has been called "barbarous radiates" from the fact that most of them are imitations of Roman coins that show the Emperor wearing a radiate crown.

As can be seen, it was time that something should be done to remedy this. So the Emperor Aurelian (270-275 A.D.) reformed the coinage. He issued new coins of good quality and called in the old ones. These new coins had a certain amount of silver in them, were of larger size, and had better workmanship. Also, the Government accepted its own coinage.

These reforms, however, did not outlast the reign of Probus (276-282), and after that the Roman coinage went steadily downhill until the reign of Diocletian (284-305), who completely revised the coinage, doing away with the previous system that had lasted, with several changes, for about 300 years.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - Next meeting will be December 17 at the home of Earle Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.

At the August meeting Doc Charles Harbeck gave a fine talk on Roman religion as connected with coin designs. He dealt particularly with the earliest religion, previous to the introduction of the Greek gods, and said truly that this was a knotty subject, too complicated to explain in one evening. To illustrate his talk, Doc displayed a fine series of Roman and Imperial Greek coins with religious designs.

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To help prepare for his talk, Doc Harbeck borrowed Altheim's "History of Roman Religion" from the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. Doc said it was a very good book; only the more he read, the less he knew. The book is Mattingly's translation of Altheim; so now all that is needed is Harbeck's translation of Mattingly.

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Lew Panosh gave a brief report on the C.S.N.A. River-

side convention, stating that in many respects it was the finest yet held, including the largest attendance, and the smoothest functioning of all arrangements. This is due to the pains taken in advance by the Orange County Coin Club. He reminded us that with the fall, 1955 convention to be held in San Diego, we had a lot of work ahead of us. We have a high mark to shoot at, if we want to beat the Orange County Coin Club's results at Riverside.

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Since she moved to La Mesa, it takes Phyllis Lowthian longer to get to meetings. She arrived a couple of minutes after the meeting started, and by the way she scooted down the aisle and sneaked into a chair it looked like she was afraid of getting punished for being late.

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HISTORICAL NOTE - If Paul Revere had been at our last meeting, he would have been startled to see so many redcoats present - Anna Panosh, Mildred Fischer, and Bobbie MacDonald.

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Or if Senator McCarthy was present, he sure would have thought he found a bunch of reds.

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SALES DEPT. - Louie Walrath acted as auctioneer at the meeting, and we must say he was an unusually efficient one. He was so efficient that he sold himself several coins.

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No matter what coin Louie put up for sale, he could always be sure of starting with Charlie Leuschner's standard bid: "Two bits!".

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Louie got a surprisingly large price for a $100 Confederate bill - which would seem to indicate that there were a lot of unreconstructed rebels in the crowd.

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Our new Oceanside member, Jim Malone, was pressed into duty as messenger and bill collector at the auction.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, which will follow the election at our December 6 meeting, will be along the same lines as in the past years. Small presents will be exchanged, so please bring some trifle to be given - not to cost over $1. Someone will get stuck to play Santa Claus (last year it was Frenchy Vigneault) to distribute them.

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In order to guide you in selecting suitable presents, we suggest -

- for Gail Walrath: a cat. We don't know exactly how many she now has, but she was up to eight, so another one is just what she needs.
- for Paul Hamm: a bottle of invisible ink to keep the S.D.N.S. accounts.
- for Bill Bell: an old railroad car, to help along his railroading activities.
- for Charlie Leuschner: a carload of weed-killer for his ranch.
- for Irving Knickerbocker: a bag of prunes, to keep him from getting homesick for the Santa Clara Valley.
- for George Worthington: a set of square pool balls, that won't roll off the table.
- for Sid Kaufman: a dozen sets of salt and pepper shakers to replace those stolen by his customers from his restaurant.
- for Ralph Mitchell: a Mission bell for his friends to ring when Ralph tries to talk.
- for Col. Joe Moss: Any old habeas corpuses you happen to have around the house.
- for Sam Chamberlain: a tent to keep the rain off his new car.
- for Lu Whited: your old accumulations of string, so she can make another rug.
- for Phyllis Lowthian: a set of extra heavy duty fishing tackle, capable of holding whales.
- for the Hermit of Skunk Hollow: a gas mask - for obvious reasons.
- for Spink and Son: a season pass on trans-Atlantic airlines, so they can attend our meetings.

COINAGE DURING AUGUST, 1954

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	4,754.50		
Commemorative half dollars		55,009.00	
Quarters	2,377.25		$19,000.00
Dimes	1,513,950.90		
Nickels	383,475.00	265,000.00	670,800.00
Cents	167,645.00	137,000.00	318,000.00
Cumulative, January to August, 1954(pieces):			
Half dollars	13,279,543	4,993,400	25,445,580
Commemorative half dollars	12,006	122,024	12,006
Quarters	38,345,543	1,648,000	37,644,000
Dimes	80,113,543	22,860,000	106,397,000
Nickels	45,465,450	22,056,000	52,667,060
Cents	50,133,450	36,355,000	124,830,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

ELECTION SCANDAL - While Francis Jones is up for S.D.N.S. president, we have developed some slight misgivings about his character since our eagle-eyed watchdog, Gene Johnston, detected him in a fraud. Maybe "eagle-eyed watchdog" is a mixed metaphor; but what we are getting at is that Gene spotted a nickel in Francis' display labelled "1856 Shield Nickel".

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Which would be a rare coin indeed.

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FINANCIEL NEWS - We noticed Lt. Walter Luttmer flashing his North Korean war bonds at the meeting; maybe Walter now regrets investing his money in those bonds while he was in Korea, and wants to unload.

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We wonder what the New York Stock Exchange quotation is on North Korean bonds.

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TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE DEPT. - Sam and Mae Chamberlain report from Pennsylvania that they are having a swell

time visiting their folks. Sam's new Oldsmobile got baptized promptly; rain was falling when he drove it out of the factory - and after that, they struck several flooded areas.

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Oh well, we suppose that saves washing one's car.

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Earle Stanton writes us from Rome (Rome, Italy; not Rome, Georgia) on his way back from Greece and Egypt. Earle is such a collector of antique stones, etc., that we guess the Great Pyramid now is two feet shorter.

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Earle says that while he was in Egypt, the Sphinx wouldn't talk. Which maybe is a good thing for him, because if it talked, it probably would say: "Hey, you! Put them stones back!".

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Speaking of Egypt, it's too bad that coins weren't invented a few centuries earlier, as think of all the wonderful Egyptian specimens we then could have - with cartouches of the various kings, the Egyptian gods, monuments, etc..

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The lunch at our last meeting was taken care of by:

Chief Cook Dell Roberts
Head Waiter Moore
Dishwashing Superintendent Lataille

A very efficient kitchen staff, too.

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JAPANESE NEWS - Last month we threatened to get out a Bulletin in Japanese, with the cooperation of Marion Bowler. We got prompt action, too. Mary Bowler immediately wrote to Marion, warning her to stand by prepared to furnish the translation.

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Is our National City contingent planning to start a coin club in that city? Anyway the Vigneaults and the Deckers met for a party and coin swapping session at the Heatons' place.

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A FEW CONVENTION REMARKS WHICH GOT CROWDED OUT LAST MONTH due to lack of space -

We don't want Doc Ray Wilson accused of stealing any flowers from the Mission Inn courtyard. When he said he was "going out to take the flowers", he only meant he was going to take their pictures; not to swipe 'em.

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If George VanHogan stayed away from the convention because he was afraid that the Mission Inn didn't have a chair big enough to fit him, he needn't have. John Yriberne found a chair big enough for him - so it would have fit George, too. It was one made especially for President Taft's stay at the hotel.

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"WISH-YOU-WERE-HERE" DEPT. - Although Frank Hernandez was still in the east, he was thinking about the convention; because he wired us saying so.

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When Doc Glen Curtis referred to Lew Panosh as a truck driver, that wasn't exactly accurate. Lew doesn't drive trucks, but he is a manager who bosses a lot of truck drivers. It seems wrong somehow, for a man that can't do something to be bossing those who can.

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That's one thing wrong with the world today: too many people that can't do something giving instructions to those who do.

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Ben Franklin said "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves". Bill Roberts thinks he should also have given a warning about nickels. Bill kept raising auction bids a nickel at a time - and was astonished to find how they added up.

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SCIENCE DEPT. - Our profoundest scientist, Doc Nathan Bowers, is engaged in an extensive study of tree rings. By counting the rings in a cross section of a tree it is possible to tell its age; and the thickness and other features of each ring throws light on the climate of the past and other facts. This suggests a method of telling the age of a gal who might be

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reluctant to give the exact figure. You saw off her head, and then count the rings in her neck.

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Among the hobbies of Pat Patterson as listed in the "Calcoin News", is playing scrabble. While we ain't sure just what scrabble is, we imagine it must mean scrabbling around in the bargain trays of coin dealers.

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MORE "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" - As an advertising scheme, the Oceanside merchants dropped 1000 dollar bills from an airplane. Twenty miles away, on the other side of the Hills, Charlie Louschner watched all day with field glasses to see if the wind carried any of 'em so far inland.

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It didn't.

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DIGGERS FIND OLD SKELETON, BURIAL COIN. Ferrara, Italy (AP) - Archaeologists opening 24-century-old tombs at Spina have found the skeleton of an ancient Etruscan still clutching the coin to pay his fare across the River Styx. Scientists said the right hand of the skeleton gripped a round bronze coin apparently placed there by relatives so he would be able to pay the boatman, Charon, for ferrying him into the land of the dead.

- San Diego Tribune.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 3 at Y.M.C.A., 8th Ave. and C St., San Diego, Calif.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BANQUET: Saturday, January 22 at San Diego Women's Club, 2557 - 3rd Ave., San Diego, Calif.

THE SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

WISHES YOU ALL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1955

PRESIDENT: James J. Andersen
VICE PRESIDENT: Lt. Walter Luttmer
SECRETARY: Lyle L. Gordon
TREASURER: Paul Hamm
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: Louis Fischer
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Clive Foss

The other officers are to be appointed by the new administration. So will the additional secretary, in line with our idea of dividing the job into two parts.

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The above sounds like a pretty good group, and we are confident that we can look forward to another successful year under its management.

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You will note that the officers are somewhat different from the list of candidates last month. Francis Jones is to be chairman of the fall, 1955 C.S.N.A. convention in San Diego, which is enough to keep anyone busy without serving as president too. And Phyllis Lowthian is so busy with activities in other organizations that she felt she couldn't do justice to any new duties. Maybe we'll put her to work next time.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT - I want to thank each and every one of the members of the San Diego Numismatic Society for the high honor given me by my election as your president for the coming year.
It is my humble opinion that you could have elected a more qualified member for your president, and it is with a great deal of humility that I undertake the job of presiding as president of the society through the year of 1955.
It will require a great deal of hard work on my part to come up to the leadership standard of Arthur J. Vigneault, but I shall try to do my very best.
We have our sights set high for 1955. I as president, all the officers, and all the chairmen of the committees will need the help and cooperation of each and every member of the society to achieve our goal. I am sure we will get it, and we shall succeed.

With best wishes: and success to all of us,

- James J. Andersen.

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OUR SPEAKER AT THE JANUARY 3 MEETING will be one of our new members: Narciso Morales. His subject will be the coins of Japan and Korea, of which he has a fine collection. Most of these were gathered while he was in those two countries, and he showed some of them at our last meeting.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

DeNISE, Mrs. D. Dee	139 East 116th St., Seattle 55, Washington
HAUSER, John N.	3437 Arizona St., San Diego 4
MORALES, Narciso R., CS1	U.S.N. Radio Station, Supply Dept., Box 5, Imperial Beach
SCHNEIDER, A. C.	Route 2, Box 737, Vista
SMITH, James D.	5168 Everts Lane, San Diego 9

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If you stumble over all them there D's in the name of the first new member listed above, don't let that worry you, as she also answers to the name of Gene. Like Gene Johnston does.

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And Gene DeNise is a very literary gal. In fact she is so literary that she is the librarian of the A.N.A.

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Our travellers have returned, and we were glad to welcome Frank Hernandez at the meeting.

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We also were glad to welcome the Wallaces and the Chamberlains, but we regret to say that they had very bad luck on their return trip. A car made a left turn in front of Sam Chamberlain's new Oldsmobile, resulting in a practically head-on collision in which both cars were demolished. Sam got a sprained shoulder and foot, besides various bruises; Doc Bruce Wallace had some teeth broken and his chest bruised; Elise Wallace

escaped injury; but Mae Chamberlain got the worst of it, incurring a broken right arm and cut lips necessitating three stitches. All of the party came to our meeting, Mae with her arm in a sling. Fortunately the doctors did a very good job of sewing her lips with no conspicuous scar at all.

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Of course we don't mean the docs sewed up her lips so she can't talk.

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Sam's car being insured, he was given a new one. When, a couple of months ago, we said that his new car would be old by the time he got it back here, we didn't think it would be so completely worn out as that.

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Mae said she first feared Sam was injured worse than he thought, because he "turned white and broke out in perspiration". However that doesn't always indicate injury. A lot of us do that when we get a coin price quotation.

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While we are on the subject of hard luck of our members, Charlie Leuschner had another hospital siege; four days this time. We are glad that he was well enough again to come to the meeting.

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Then too, Ernie Osburn's brother is still very ill. And Ernie had another misfortune. While befriending a stray cat, he got both hands clawed and bitten; one spot became infected enough to lay him up for a couple of days.

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To continue with our hard luck stories: thieves broke into Charlie Heaton's grocery store, and got away with with about $200. Too many of us have been listed as victims of criminals lately; Doc Bruce Wallace, Mary Bowler, and now Charlie Heaton.

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Next year Doc Nathan Bowers will head the Heath Literary Awards Committee of the A.N.A.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Olav Berghli: Standing Liberty quarters complete
Francis Jones: Commemorative half dollars
Mrs. Thomas McDaniel: Souvenir spoons
Narciso Morales: Many ancient and modern Japanese coins in gold, silver, and bronze, including the yen almost complete
Frenchy Vigneault: Hungarian paper money
Doc Bruce Wallace: Chinese dollars

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Our Christmas party was another nice one, each of us being presented with a small present by Santa Claus.

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But we'll let you into a secret. There ain't no Santa Claus; it was only Frenchy Vigneault.

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When Santa Claus first came into our hall, he walked into a chair without seeing it - which leads us to wonder if he had been sampling some Christmas cheer on his way.

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The lunch was taken care of by Mrs. Heaton, Mrs. Decker, and "Junior" Decker - and they had the table arranged and decorated so attractively that it was a shame to bust things up by eating.

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STYLE AND FASHION SECTION - As the Santa Claus suit was temporarily missing, the suggestion was made that we borrow Mildred Fischer's or Anna Peneski's red coat as a substitute.

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Gail Walrath was wearing a new fur - and at the same time she announced that she had got rid of four of her cats. We assure you that these two items of information are only coincidental.

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Mattie Knickerbocker had what she calls a "purse", but we dunno. As it is a box 10" x 7" x 4", covered with broad brass strips, we thought it might be: (a) a tool box (b) an lunch box (c) a miniature steamer trunk (d) Captain Kidd's treasure chest.

OUR INSTALLATION AND BANQUET was announced last month, and Atwood MacDonald says there is little to add. It will be at the San Diego Women's Club, 2557 - 3rd Ave., San Diego, January 22. Cost of the dinner, $3. Atwood again urged all to get your reservations in with the secretary as early as possible, and to plan displays. The exhibits will have police protection. Atwood also said he had some 'surprise' entertainment planned, but refused to say what it was. So maybe it will be an ice-skating tournament, or trap-shooting contest, or something of the sort. Anyway, come and see for yourself.

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Doc Bruce Wallace acted as auctioneer at our meeting, and his bumped chest didn't seem to handicap him any. He was as eloquent and energetic as usual.

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Are all of our new members supposed to serve an apprenticeship as auction messengers? Last month we put the bee on Jim Malone, and this time on Mac Mc Ancar and Mr. Schneider.

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Mildred Fischer startled us by carrying in a small baby; however it turned out that this was her grandson. Mildred was baby-sitting for her son's family and as it was a meeting night, she brought the baby along.

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It seems odd that Secretary Francis Jones didn't hand the baby an application blank to join the S.D.N.S.

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Francis Jones announced the date for the coming San Diego convention of the C.S.N.A.; it will be November 10-13 at the Hotel U.S. Grant. Francis plans to go to work on arrangements immediately after January 1, and asks the rest of us to help. We are confident that everyone will.

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And don't lose sight of the spring C.S.N.A. convention at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, April 28 to May 1.

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SCANNING THE FUTURE - In the report of the Western Reserve Numismatic Club in the "Numismatist", Judge Joseph Sawicki is quoted as wondering what deductions students will make 2000 years from now, when confronted with a 1904 U.S. $20 gold piece. As we are always willing to rush to answer anyone's questions, we set our time machine ahead 2000 years, and come out with this report for the judge. It is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Little America Numismatic Society, December 8, 3954 - - -

Professor Ickgly Igloo of Ellsmere Land University addressed the meeting, giving his conclusions regarding the ancient gold coin which has been the subject of much controversy. The professor's findings are:

"I am pleased to say that this mysterious gold coin has, after long study, yielded its secrets, and its problems may be considered as solved. As you all are aware, it is thought to have been issued by the long vanished nation of North America, loosely known as the United States. This was uncertain inasmuch as the total destruction of that nation by primitive forms of atomic and hydrogen bombs left so little material for study and research. My conclusions are drawn from a study of the coin itself, aided by what little is known of North American history.

"The principal object on the obverse is the portrait of a woman ruler. I have been unable to identify this sovereign by name, unless it is the word LIBERTY on her archaic headdress. That is is a woman ruler there is no doubt, as it is well known from our extent fragments of North American history that this country was a matriarchy - ruled by women. Professor Gee Gok of Lhassa University disagrees with me on the possibility of Liberty being her name; however it is known that ancient women sometimes were named after virtues, as Prudence, Faith, Constance, etc.

"The circle of stars around the obverse proves the nation to be one of sky worshippers. This is made more emphatic by the stars being repeated on the reverse, accompanied by rays - the latter being characteristic of sun worshippers. Professor Gee Gok suggests that

the number of stars may indicate the number of states in the United States Confederation; but this is clearly impossible as late research has revealed the names of over 30 of these states. To represent the states, obviously the ancients would have used 30 or more stars.

"The inscription on the obverse, 1904, long puzzled me; and I am indebted to Professor Abdul Aziz of the University of Mecca for enlightenment. Professor Aziz identifies this as a series of extremely primitive Arabic numerals from the most ancient period. The judgement of this eminent scholar is, of course, final, but it poses two new problems. First, why Arabic? We have no record of any Arabian invasion of North America. Second, if this is the denomination of the coin and it equals 1904 of some smaller denomination, it seems unreasonably high.

"The main reverse design consists of a cage of upright bars holding a bird with outspread wings as if seeking to escape. This no doubt is a turkey, the national bird of the United States which was sacrificed with appropriate religious ceremonies every November. The bird's claws hold arrows, and it is of special interest to learn that this people used such crude weapons as late as 2000 years ago.

"The reverse inscription, TWENTY D, is not yet quite clear. But we have a clue. In the numismatic collection of the National Museum of Tierra del Fuego are several United States coins. Two of these bear very small representations of the character D, and it is generally accepted that the ancients had a mint in the city of Denmwer, state of Koloradu. We believe this D thus indicates the place of mintage, Denmwer. TWENTY has not been satisfactorily explained; but it contains T, the initial of "this"; WENT, the past tense of "go", and Y, which is the initial of "ye". Thus it might be translated freely as "This went from ye (mint of) Denmwer".

"A few minor points may be considered. The reverse legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is remarkable, as we know that this empire never extended south of Panama;

in fact, modern historians question if it extended even that far. Yet the inscription seems to claim the entire continents of North and South America. "The headdress of the portrait is odd, in that it appears to be entirely impractical. It gives no protection to the head at all; we now have had weather control for so many centuries that we are likely to overlook the fact that the ancients often had to wear heavy garments and cover the head to protect themselves from cold, rain, and snow. We conclude that it is not really a head covering, but that we have here a feature unique in archaeology: the only known picture of the Royal crown of the United States."

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - "Ancient Mines and Mining" will be the subject of a talk by Prof. Wallace Todd on January 21 at his home, 1257 North Cedar St., Glendale. As the professor is not only a collector of ancient coins but also is a geologist and mineralogist who owns a mine, he should know his subject.

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Although his Nevada mine is hardly an ancient one. Still, the ore in it has been there since ancient times.

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THE POWER OF THE PRESS - Earle Stanton is back from Europe and Egypt, and he denies that he swiped any stones from ruins this time. Maybe the people in the classical lands should be grateful to this here Bulletin; we publicized Earle's quarrying activities so much that maybe he was afraid he couldn't get away with any more.

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Our remarks last month about sawing off a gal's head and then counting the rings in her neck to tell her age got a response from Lu Whited. Lu says that wives can tell the age of husbands by counting the rings in the bathtub. Which sounds kind of like a slam at husbands in general - or maybe only at her own, Bob.

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At this point the Hermit of Skunk Hollow rises to

ask: just what is a bathtub, anyway?

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According to the papers, La Mesa is getting infested with termites. Does this mean we had better disinfect our La Mesa members when they come to meetings, to prevent their termites from eating Frenchy Vigneault's wooden money?

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LITERARY REVIEW - From an article about Thelma Case in the "Calcoin News" we learn that first she was in the Surgical section of the Red Cross, and then on the Blood Bank program. Can it be that Thelma's surgical work made more blood necessary? As if she had a heavy hand on the scalpels?

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The same source gives Thelma's middle name: Marietta. So now we know whom that town in Ohio is named after.

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SQUAWK DEPT. - We have a squawk from our member in the state where the potatoes grow small and the sunflowers grow large: Kansas. We mean Lew Reagan. Lew points out that he is a S.D.N.S. member, and yet we don't tell when he attends coin club meetings - as he so often does.

The trouble is, we ain't got no crystal ball nor a ouija board, so as no one tells us these things, we don't know them. And in the past we have done a lot of grumbling on this very subject; that no one tells us nothing.

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But both Lew and Col. Joe Moss should have been listed with Lew and Anna Pancosh and David Spink as S.D.N.S. members present. We are particularly worried about Col. Joe, as we might now get a lawsuit for criminal neglect or something.

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Doc Ray Wilson is a brave man. He invited the Hermit of Skunk Hollow to his house for Christmas.

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And the reason Doc wasn't at the last meeting is that he is taking a special post-graduate course.

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WOODEN NICKELS in three varieties may be obtained from O. M. Mullinax, Gaffney, South Carolina; they are to celebrate the 150th anniversary of that city. We do not know their cost.

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The Los Angeles Coin Club will hold their installation of officers and annual banquet at Scully's Restaurant, 48th St. and Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, January 15.

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Regarding our article last month about the skeleton found clutching a coin: Atwood MacDonald wants it clearly understood that this is not one of his Scotch ancestors.

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William H. Brett, the present Director of the Mint, once was a metal stamping manufacturer. Seems kind of appropriate; and we wonder how long it will take our metal stamping manufacturer, Louie Walrath, to work up to that job.

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Bill Roberts has joined the A.N.A.

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WARNING TO BOTH OF OUR READERS: if anyone offers you a Pine Tree Shilling that looks like the specimen on this Bulletin cover, don't buy it. It will be a phoney.

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Anyway, you now know what the cover is supposed to represent.

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